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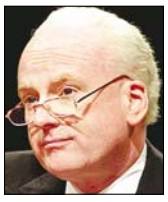
BOY BOMBER: Hussam Abdo, 16, stands before the media near the city of Nablus on Wednesday. The Israeli army says the Palestinian teen, wearing a suicide bomb vest, was sent to kill soldiers. He has since been detained. ✤ **Off-limits:** Hamas leaders say they won't target Americans | Page 5

Clarke on Offensive Over 9/11

Former security adviser says terror not top Bush priority

WASHINGTON | The Bush White House scaled back the struggle against al Qaeda after taking office in 2001 and spurned suggestions that it retaliate for the bombing of a U.S. warship "because it happened on the Clinton administration's watch," a former top terrorism adviser testified Wednesday.

The Clinton administration had "no higher priority" than combating terrorists while the Bush administration made it "an important issue but not an urgent issue," said Richard Clarke, who advised both presidents. He testified before the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks.



Clarke

Clarke's turn in the witness chair turned what had been a bipartisan probe of pre-Sept. 11 intelligence failures and miscommunications into a nationally televised criticism of Bush's handling of terrorism threats.

The White House sought anew to undermine Clarke, the author of a recent book critical of the president, identifying him as the senior official who had praised the president's anti-terrorism efforts in an anonymous briefing for reporters the year following the attacks.

Clarke's testimony overshadowed the release of a commission staff report that said disagreements about the extent of the CIA's authority to kill Osama bin Laden hampered efforts to eliminate him during the Clinton era. The result was a reliance on local forces in Afghanistan that reduced the chance of success both before and after Bush took office, the report added. HOPE YEN (AP)

Language Cops Issue Citations

LONDON | "At the end of the day," it's the most irritating cliche in the English language.

So says the Plain English Campaign which said the abused and overused phrase was first in a poll of most annoying cliches.

Second place went to "at this moment in time," and third to the constant use of "like," as if it were a form of punctuation. "With all due respect" came in fourth.

"When readers or listeners come across these tired expressions, they start tuning out and completely miss the message — assuming there is one," said Plain English Campaign spokesman John Lister.

"Using these terms in daily business is about as professional as wearing a novelty tie or having a wacky ring-tone on your phone."

The Plain English Campaign, which offers annual awards for good use of the language, surveyed its 5,000 supporters in more than 70 countries for the poll. (AP)

TECH | **Pinpointing Pests** Armed with thermal-imaging devices, closed-circuit television cameras and ultraviolet urine detectors, officials in Singapore are preparing for an eight-month war against rats. The $165,950 campaign begins next week, officials said Wednesday. Crews will be prowling the island's sewers and garbage cans in an attempt to trap and kill two-thirds of the 12,950 rats believed to be inhabiting exactly 8,631 rat holes identified across the island, officials said. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

CONSTRUCTION

A Packed Theater

The Sami reindeer herders of Norway's Arctic are building a snowmobile drive-in theater using, of course, the tundra's most plentiful winter resource: snow. The snow drive-in will serve the Eighth Sami Film Festival, April 5-7, in Kautokeino, a town of 3,000 in Norway's far north. The drive-in's roughly 10-by-20-foot screen and an amphitheater for those without snowmobiles are being built from snow, organizers say. Because of subfreezing temperatures, the snow seats will be covered with reindeer skins for warmth. (AP)

FISH TALES

Time for a New Freezer

It took only 45 minutes for Dave Tilton of Janesville, Wis., to set an unofficial world record on Monday. He caught a 73-pound, 1-ounce buffalo head — 3 pounds, 1 ounce more than the world record. "I knew it was a big one," Tilton, 25, said. The state record for big mouth buffalo is 54 pounds. The world record is a 70-pounder caught in Louisiana. (AP)

MICHAELA REHLE/REUTERS

ANIMAL WATCH

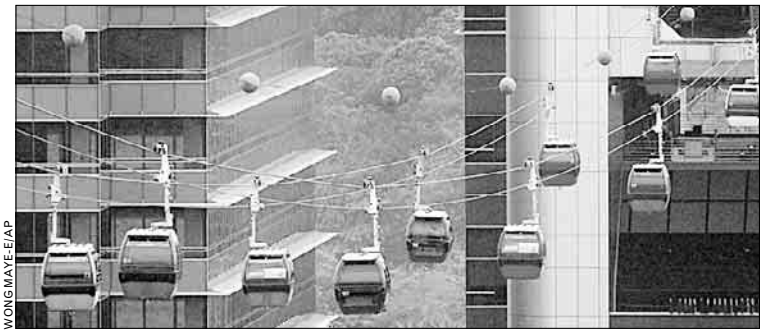
She's All Ears

Most cats have a finely honed sense of hearing, but none make their auditory prowess as obvious as Lilly, a six-month-old house cat in Murnau, Germany. Lilly, pictured here on Wednesday, was born with a spare pair of slightly smaller ears just behind her normal two. Caretakers in a home for animals told Reuters that Lilly is healthy and can hear perfectly well — but only through her front pair of ears. (EXPRESS)

CRIME

Dentist's Drug Trade

A dentist in Monticello, Ky., has been charged with illegally dispensing prescription drugs, which police say he traded for sex, marijuana and labor. Dr. Raleigh Andrews was indicted Monday on 10 counts of unlawful dispensing of a controlled substance and four counts of wanton endangerment. Police said Andrews also hired an assistant with a ninth-grade education to perform "dental procedures on many of the patients," a statement from Monticello police said. His office has been closed since July. (AP)



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COMPETITIONS

Down to the Wire

A contest to see who could live for a week in a cable car plying the skies over Singapore has been won by a couple who said they used meditation to overcome urges to use the restroom. The winning couple — Singaporeans Zaiton Majeed, 22, and Abdul Rahman, 29 — spent only 22 minutes and 15 seconds outside the capsule all week. Judges chose a winner by tallying which of the teams had spent the least amount of their allotted 10 minutes per day for restroom breaks. Their reward is an ocean cruise and $11,700 in cash. (AP)

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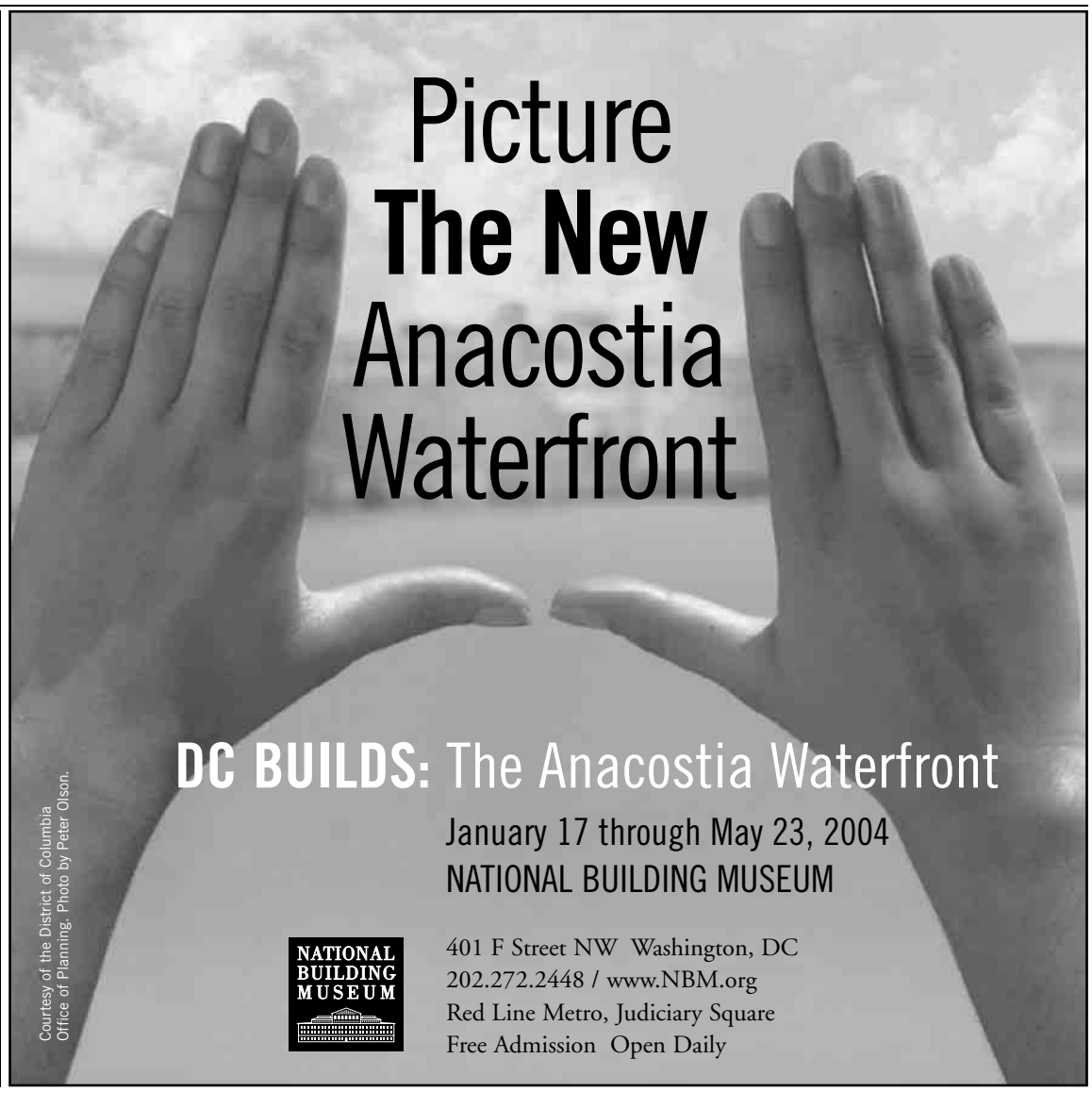

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Appeals Court Lets Interior Computers Back Online

The Interior Department will go back online after an appeals court Wednesday blocked a judge's ruling that ordered most of the department's computers disconnected from the Internet. It took the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit just three hours to grant the government's request to restore the Interior's Internet access. It had been shut down since March 15 to protect money owed to American Indians from computer hackers. (AP)

SALT LAKE CITY

Report: Woman Who Refused C-Section Threatened Docs

A woman who repeatedly ignored doctors' advice to undergo a Caesarean section to save her babies threatened hospital employees and warned she would "cut the throat" of one worker if forced to have the procedure, police records show. Melissa Ann Rowland, 28, has been charged with murder for repeatedly avoiding the surgery. She eventually gave birth by C-section, but one of her twins was stillborn. (AP)

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Woman Offered Wedding Ring as Payment to Hit Man

A suburban Kansas City woman was so eager to have her husband killed that she offered her wedding ring in payment, authorities said. Amanda Booker, 23, of Blue Springs, was being held on $100,000 bond Tuesday after being charged with attempted first-degree murder. (AP)

Atheist Blasts Pledge Before Court

Says 'under God' violates church-state separation

WASHINGTON | Not long after the Supreme Court came to order Wednesday with the invocation, "God save the United States and this honorable court," the justices were deep in a wrenching argument over whether millions of public schoolchildren may continue pledging allegiance to one nation "under God."

An atheist argued that the religious reference in the Pledge of Allegiance, a pledge of loyalty to the country usually recited in American classrooms, is an unconstitutional government promotion of religion in his daughter's third-grade classroom.

Pledge battle: More on atheist Michael Newdow's day in court | washingtonpost.com/nation

"I am an atheist. I don't believe in God," Michael Newdow told the justices and a rapt, packed courtroom, arguing with passion and personal asides — unusual for the dry, cerebral high court. "Every school morning, my child is asked to stand up, face that flag, put her hand over her heart and say that her father is wrong."

On the other side, Bush administration lawyer Theodore Olson said the pledge reflects America's religious heritage.

"It is an acknowledgment of the religious basis of the framers of the Constitution, who believed not only that the right to revolt, but that the right to vest power in the people to create a government ... came as a result of religious principles," Olson said.

Newdow, a lawyer, made the rare decision to argue his own case before the court. He withstood the justices' vigorous questions.

The high court is expected to rule by summer. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

STEVE SISNEY/THE OKLAHOMAN/AP

Teacher Stephanie Herndon, right, recites the pledge of allegiance Wednesday with her kindergarten class at Townsend Elementary School in Del City, Okla.

HEARSAY | PREVENTING 9/11

"This story has so many twists and turns, he needs to get his story straight."

—NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER CONDOLEEZZA RICE ON CRITICISM OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S PRE-9/11 TERRORISM POLICY FROM FORMER AIDE RICHARD CLARKE. RICE ON WEDNESDAY READ TO REPORTERS PARTS OF AN E-MAIL FROM CLARKE AFTER 9/11 DEFENDING BUSH'S ANTI-TERRORISM STRATEGY.

Catholic College to Build Huge Church

NAPLES, FLA. | Administrators at Ave Maria University, the nation's first new Roman Catholic college in four decades, outlined plans Wednesday to build a campus that would feature one of the largest cathedrals and crucifixes in the United States.

Officials said the 60,000-square-foot cathedral, the Oratory of Ave Maria, would be the largest fixed-seating Catholic church in the nation. (AP)

Coast Guard Searches For Chopper, Crew of 10

HOUSTON | The Coast Guard on Wednesday focused on a mile-long oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico as it searched for a helicopter that disappeared with 10 people aboard on its way to an oil exploratory ship.

The helicopter last made radio contact Tuesday night, when it was about 90 miles south of Galveston.

"We are hoping that something went wrong and they maybe landed on a different platform," Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Adam Wine said. "We are hoping for the best."

No signs of the helicopter were found overnight. There were no reports of bad weather, and everyone on board was believed to be wearing life jackets, the Coast Guard said.

Officials did not know what caused the oil slick, about 120 miles south of Galveston.

The total search area encompassed 2,800 square miles. An 87-foot patrol boat, four offshore supply vessels and two commercial aircraft were among those helping in the search. PAM EASTON (AP)

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Delays at Airports Targeted

FAA plan would use smaller lags to offset long waits for planes

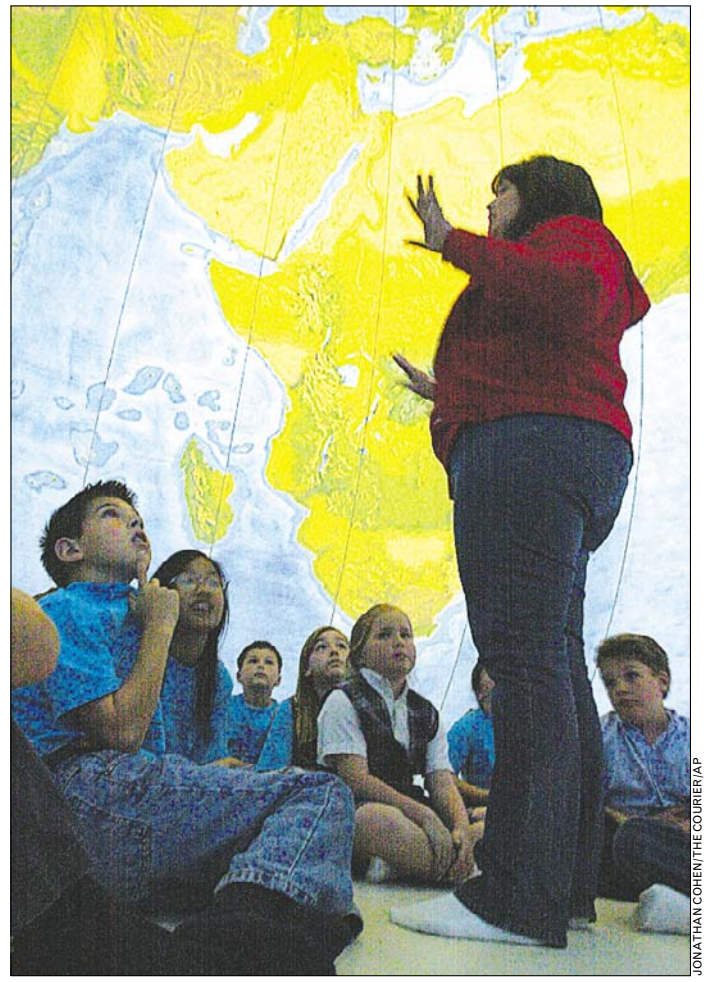
HERNDON, VA. | Air travelers may experience more short delays but fewer long ones under a plan announced Wednesday to ease flight congestion.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the plan should reduce the total amount of time that all flights are delayed because of bad weather or crowded airspace.

Much as commuters will leave home later or take a different route to avoid rush-hour traffic, airlines have agreed to take short delays or reroute flights to reduce overall delays in the air traffic system.

For example, officials said, delaying departures for 10 minutes from smaller New York airports such as Buffalo, Syracuse and Elmira during high-traffic periods would speed air traffic over the New York metropolitan area during peak traffic times. LESLIE MILLER (AP)

SCHOOLS | WORLD VIEW



JONATHAN COHEN/THE COURIER/AP

INSIDE OUT: Jodi Sciortino gives a geography lesson from inside an inflatable globe Wednesday to third-graders at St. Bernadette Catholic School in Houma, La. Sciortino is an outreach coordinator with the Louisiana Children's Museum in New Orleans, and the globe is one of five used in U.S. schools.

Scientists: Jaw Mutation Separated Humans, Apes

Touching off a scientific furor, researchers say they may have discovered the mutation that caused the earliest humans to branch off from their apelike ancestors — a gene that led to smaller, weaker jaws and, ultimately, bigger brains.

Smaller jaws would have fundamentally changed the structure of the skull, they contend, by eliminating thick muscles that worked like bungee cords to anchor a huge jaw to the crown of the head. The change would have allowed the cranium to grow larger and led to the development of a bigger brain capable of tool-making and language.

The mutation is reported in the latest issue of the journal Nature, not by anthropologists, but by a team of biologists and plastic surgeons at the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The report provoked strong reactions throughout the hotly contested field of human origins with one scientist declaring it "counter to the fundamentals of evolution" and another pronouncing it "super."

The Pennsylvania researchers said their estimate of when this mutation first occurred — about 2.4 million years ago, in the grasslands of East Africa, the cradle of humanity — generally overlaps with the first fossils of prehistoric humans featuring rounder skulls, flatter faces, smaller teeth and weaker jaws. JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA (AP)

Fla. Beachgoers Are Warned About Deadly Currents

PALM BEACH, FLA. | Treacherous rip currents along the Florida coast in the past week have killed at least four beachgoers, led to dozens of rescues and forced lifeguards to issue an unpopular warning in the middle of spring break: Stay out of the water.

This week's deaths were all blamed on rip currents — rushing channels of water that can carry away even the best swimmers. Although the currents do not drag swimmers under water, many people panic, become tired and drown as they try to swim back to shore.

The Florida deaths have made the past week a particularly deadly one, considering the currents on average kill about 19 people in the state during the entire year. JILL BARTON (AP)

World

In Brief

IRAQ

Bremer, in Flurry of Activity, Sets Out Plans for Handover

U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said Wednesday he was establishing several Western-style institutions ahead of handing over power to Iraqis by June 30. Bremer said he would set up an Iraqi Defense Ministry and a national security Cabinet later this week, and was in the midst of creating a government auditing board and an anti-corruption commission. He also said work was under way to establish a public broadcasting service and an independent panel to regulate it. (AP)

MEXICO

Britain, Mexico in Diplomatic Spat Over Trapped Cavers

The plight of five British military cavers and their guide trapped in a partly flooded Mexican cavern erupted into a diplomatic controversy Wednesday after Mexico said Britain may have brought military personnel here for training without proper permission. "We are asking the British government to tell us whether these people are military personnel, and if they are, what they are doing there," President Vicente Fox told reporters. (AP)

JAPAN

Police Arrest Activists From China on Disputed Island

The embers of a century-old territorial dispute burst into a war of words Wednesday as Japanese police arrested Chinese activists who landed on a remote island. The Chinese said they wanted to draw attention to China's claim to own the island. The activists were arrested on Uotsuri island, part of an uninhabited chain in the East China Sea. The chain is claimed by Japan, China and Taiwan, but Japan has controlled the archipelago since defeating China in an 1895 war. (AP)

PAKISTAN | WHY SO BLUE?

ARKO DATTA/REUTERS

A HISTORIC VICTORY: Indian cricketers celebrate during their win over Pakistan in Lahore on Wednesday as they clinched the five-match series 3-2. India is on its first full tour of Pakistan in nearly 14 years as the two rival nations aim to build bridges through their common passion for cricket.

Hamas: U.S. Not a Target After Founder's Death

Palestinian militants backtrack after lashing out over assassination

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Hamas leaders said they are not targeting the United States in retaliation for Israel's assassination of their founder, but would target Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for death.

Immediately after Israeli helicopters fired missiles at Sheik Ahmed Yassin, killing him on Monday, Hamas's military wing said it held the United States responsible because of its support for Israel, and that "all the Muslims of the world will be honored to join in the retaliation for this crime."

However, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a 56-year-old pediatrician who was chosen as Hamas's new leader in Gaza, told reporters Wednesday the group is not interested in exporting its activities.

"We are inside Palestinian land and acting only inside Palestinian land. We are resisting the occupation, nothing else," Rantisi said. "Our resistance will continue just inside our border, here inside our country." Hamas believes that Israel belongs to Muslims. (AP)

AT THE U.N., AN OVERWHELMING VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL

→ **The U.N. Human Rights Commission** condemned Israel for its killing of Yassin by a vote of 31-2. The U.S. and Australia voted against. Israel faces no penalties following the vote.

However, Palestinians are pushing for a U.N. Security Council resolution as well, and a vote is expected Thursday afternoon. (AP)

U.S. Beefs Up Security in Gulf, Mideast

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The U.S. Embassy in the United Arab Emirates closed Wednesday after receiving a threat, and anti-American protests across the Mideast led authorities to bolster security at U.S. interests in the region.

The heightened caution comes after Israel's assassination of Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin in the Gaza Strip on Monday. The killing provoked calls for revenge against U.S. and Israeli targets. Many Arabs accuse Washington of protecting Israel and failing to curb its actions against Palestinians.

In the Saudi capital, Riyadh, the U.S. Embassy briefly shut its doors to the public Wednesday on rumors of an explosion that turned out to be false. Security was beefed up near the already heavily guarded U.S. Embassy in Cairo, and authorities chased away young protesters from the American Embassy in Bahrain. (AP)

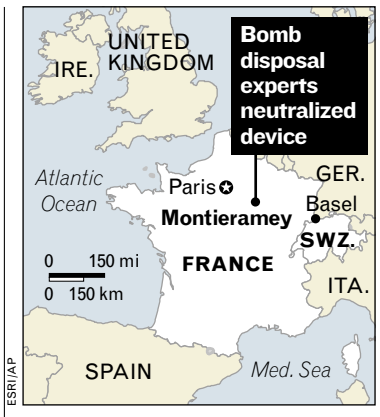
Explosives Found On French Railway

PARIS | A French railroad worker found an explosive device buried in the bed of a passenger line between France and Switzerland on Wednesday, the Interior Ministry said.

Bomb disposal experts neutralized the device, which was half-buried under a track in the village of Montieramey, about 105 miles southeast of Paris, the ministry said in a statement. It was found on a train line heading from Paris to Basel, Switzerland.

The device, which was found at 12:35 p.m Wednesday, was in a clear plastic box measuring about 8 inches by 8 inches, the statement said. The box contained nitrate fuel and a battery linked to seven detonators and a handmade timing device.

France has been on a higher terror alert since the March 11 train bombings in Madrid, Spain, that killed 190 people. Suspicion for those attacks has focused on an alleged Morocco-based terrorist cell believed linked to al Qaeda.



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Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said there were "a certain number of elements" that lead officials to believe the two cases may not be related, however. He did not elaborate.

The Interior Ministry also said the device did not resemble bombs described in threats by a previously unknown group calling itself AZF. The group claimed to have planted nine bombs along the country's rail network and has threatened to explode them unless it is paid millions of dollars. ELAINE GANLEY (AP)

A Day of Mourning in Madrid

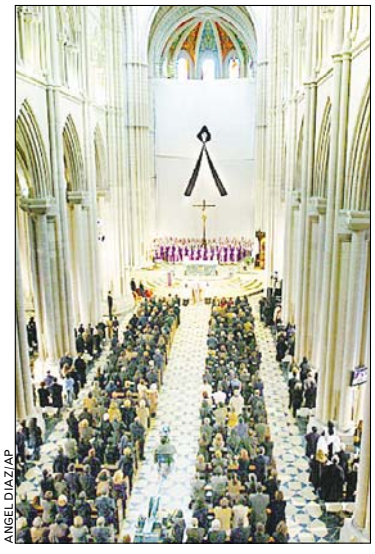
At state funeral, an outpouring of emotion

MADRID, SPAIN | The Spanish royal family wept Wednesday as they comforted row after row of mourners at Wednesday's state funeral for the 190 people killed in the country's worst terrorist attack.

It was the first state funeral for people outside the royal family in the history of Spain's new democracy, restored after dictator Gen. Francisco Franco died in 1975.

King Juan Carlos, Queen Sofia and the rest of the royal family joined Secretary of State Colin Powell and more than a dozen other heads of state or government in the Almudena Cathedral.

"We have cried, and we have cried together," Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela told the congregation of about 1,500. (AP)



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Inside the Almudena Cathedral during the state funeral on Wednesday.

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World

Revisiting Stalin, Name by Name

Groups document 1.3 million victims from Soviet reign of terror

MOSCOW | Russia's leading human rights groups released a list Wednesday of more than a million people who fell victim to Josef Stalin's purges — an attempt to draw public attention to the Soviet dictator's crimes in a society still divided over his legacy.

"Unfortunately, a part of our society would like to forget about this terror, while another part doesn't know about it or doesn't believe it," said Alexander Yakovlev, a key member of former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's democratic reforms who now heads the presidential commission for rehabilitation of victims of repression.

A recent independent poll found that 45 percent of respondents believed Stalin played a largely positive role in Russia's history.

Stalin came to power after the death of Soviet founder V.I. Lenin in 1924, beginning a reign of terror that lasted three decades.

An estimated 20 million people were executed, imprisoned or deported to other parts of the Soviet Union. The 1,345,796 names, compiled on a CD-ROM along with brief biographies of the victims, represent only a small portion, but are all the cases that activists have been able to document so far. (AP)

PAKISTAN | BATTLING AL QAEDA

M. SAJJAD/AP

EYE OF A STORM: In Wana, the capital of the South Waziristan tribal area, various clans hold a meeting to discuss the ongoing offensive by Pakistani forces against al Qaeda militants. A bombing and a series of rocket attacks nearby have raised fears that the bloody offensive is provoking a backlash.

Blair Praises Libya On Eve of Historic Visit With Gadhafi

MADRID, SPAIN | British Prime Minister Tony Blair will fly to Libya to meet Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday, a sign of warming ties and the state's progress in scrapping its banned weapons programs.

Blair's visit is a significant step in bringing the former pariah state back into the international fold, following its pledge in December to dismantle its nuclear, chemical and biological programs.

At a news conference in Madrid, held after a state funeral for victims of the railway bombings there, Blair lauded Gadhafi's decision to scrap Libya's weapons programs and said that despite a history of strained relations between Libya and Britain it was "time to move on." (AP)

TB Rate Still High in D.C.

Health official warns of a 'real and present danger' in the region

WASHINGTON | Tuberculosis cases edged lower in the Washington area last year, but the illness remains "a real and present danger," a top health official said Wednesday.

Dr. Stephanie Harper, chief of the District of Columbia Department of Health's Bureau of Chronic Diseases Control said there were 79 cases in the District in 2003, a four percent decrease from 2002. Still, D.C. continues to have the nation's highest number of cases per 100,000 residents.

The four northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun, plus the City of Alexandria, reported 157 cases — down eleven percent from the previous year.

Northern Virginia's improvement was more than offset by rising rates in the rest of the state, according to TB expert David DeBiasi of the American Lung Association of Virginia. There were 332 confirmed new cases in the commonwealth last year.

The District's TB challenge is "quite different" from Virginia, said Harper. "Our issues tend to be with homelessness, where we've always had a case rate that's higher than the national average," said Harper.

FRITZ FAERBER (AP)

House Approves D.C. Quarter Bill

WASHINGTON | The House on Wednesday approved for a third time legislation that would give the District of Columbia its own commemorative quarter, like those being designed to honor the nation's 50 states.

Previously, the bill has died in the Senate. In the past, there was disagreement about whether the measure required a two-thirds majority for Senate approval, but new rules clarify that it does. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., said she's optimistic about getting the votes.

Norton's bill would also create quarters honoring Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (AP)

ANIMALS | TAGGED

JOHN A. BORE/CUMBERLAND TIMES-NEWS/AP

CUB LOVE: A six-week old cub is tagged in Garrett County, Md., as part of a program to track black bear cubs' survival rate.

The Lotteries

March 24

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-1-7 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	2-1-6 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	0-3-0-4
Evening DC 4	6-5-4-1
Quick Cash	16-17-8-30-3-5
Hot Five	20-14-33-11-27

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	4-5-0
Evening Pick 3	3-7-5
Mid-day Pick 4	3-9-6-4
Evening Pick 4	7-6-2-1
Match 5	6-16-17-26-37 Bonus: 20

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-1-4
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	2-0-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-3-9-2
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	0-2-0-8
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	2-7-17-20-27
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	2-14-16-24-34

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	12-22-35-39-46
Mega Ball	32

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

BY THE NUMBERS: AFP reports that the new Mandarin Oriental Hotel charges $8,000 per night for its Presidential Suite. That is the most expensive rate in D.C. (EXPRESS)

District Unveils Plan to Issue School Vouchers

Scholarship Fund set to adminster $13M program for city youth

WASHINGTON | The nation's first federally funded school voucher program will be run by a private nonprofit group with 10 years of experience managing scholarships for low-income students. Officials announced Wednesday that the Washington Scholarship Fund would administer $13 million for a District of Columbia program which could help up to 1,700 students this fall.

Although Congress passed the bill creating the program in January, officials from the District and the Department of Education did not select an administrator for the fund until this week. WSF was one of three applicants bidding for the contract; the losers were not identified.

Under the program, low-income students can receive up to $7,500 to attend private or parochial schools. The money can be used for tuition, fees and transportation.

Applications will be available in April and require verification of income, which cannot exceed $34,040 for a family of four. If demand exceeds the available grants, a lottery will be held. Students also have to meet enrollment criteria established by the schools. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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Money

EU Levies $613M Fine on Microsoft

Software giant blasts 'unwarranted' ruling, seeks delay for appeal

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | The European Union slapped Microsoft Corp. with a $613 million fine for abusively wielding its Windows software monopoly and ordered sanctions that go well beyond the U.S. antitrust settlement — setting up what could be another lengthy court battle.

Microsoft called the EU's decision "unwarranted and ill-considered," and said Wednesday it expected to ask a judge to suspend the order pending appeal.

The EU antitrust office said it sought to alter Microsoft's behavior because its five-year investigation found that the software giant tried to squeeze competitors out of Windows-related markets and "the illegal behavior is still ongoing."

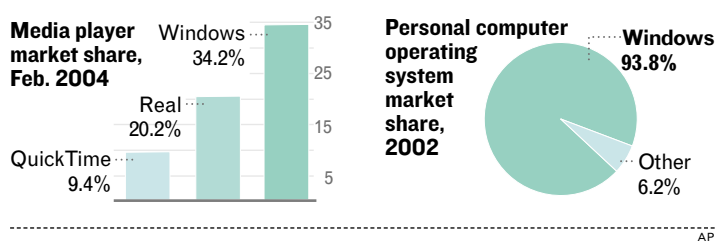
It gave the company 90 days to offer European computer manufacturers a version of Windows stripped of the company's digital media player, software for viewing video and listening to music that is expected to become pivotal in the industry as multimedia content becomes more pervasive.

The EU also gave Microsoft 120 days to release "complete and accurate" information to rivals in the office server market so their products can work more smoothly with desktop computers running Windows.

"We are simply ensuring that anyone who develops new software has a fair opportunity to compete in the marketplace," EU antitrust chief Mario Monti said.

Microsoft's general counsel, Brad Smith, said he would most likely ask the presiding judge at the European Court of First Instance to stay the order pending appeal — a process that can take years. PAUL GEITNER (AP)

Microsoft Market Domination



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In Brief

PRODUCTS

Shopping Channel QVC Sued Over Misleading Ads

Regulators sued the QVC home shopping channel Wednesday, charging that it made deceptive claims about weight-loss products sold on the air. The complaint from the Federal Trade Commission accused QVC of false advertising of "For Women Only" weight-loss products such as zero-fat and zero-carb pills. It also alleged unsubstantiated claims about Lite Bites "fat fighting bars" and other weight loss or energy-boosting products.

"QVC's claims for these products are not only unsubstantiated, but for some, scientifically impossible," said Howard Beales, director of the FTC's consumer protection bureau. QVC said in a statement that it takes steps to make sure it complies with the law. (AP)

TAXES

Maryland Sues MCI; Claims It's Owed Millions in Taxes

Maryland officials on Wednesday filed tax claims against MCI Inc., saying the company owes the state up to $130 million in back taxes, penalties and interest. The claims against MCI, formerly known as WorldCom, were filed in bankruptcy court in New York. Massachusetts has filed tax claims against WorldCom seeking about $90 million, and Maryland state comptroller William Schaefer said he expects more than 20 states to file similar claims. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Trump	3.19	+.56	+21.3
ActPerf	15.42	+1.63	+11.8
StationCas	42.70	+3.60	+9.2
AlliGam	32.35	+2.45	+8.2
AmrRlty	9.29	+.67	+7.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Ameron s	34.56	-4.29	-11.0
IntegES	9.75	-.99	-9.2
LibtyMB	11.90	-.90	-7.0
McDerl	7.60	-.57	-7.0
BarryRG h	2.11	-.15	-6.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LivePrsn	5.44	+1.69	+45.1
Trmfrd	2.43	+.61	+33.5
WRP rs	2.10	+.50	+31.3
IPIX Cp	2.47	+.47	+23.5
Cresud	12.84	+2.08	+19.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Conolog	3.54	-.94	-21.0
MncTech	3.80	-.70	-15.6
Phazar	5.24	-.91	-14.8
AirGate n	13.90	-2.40	-14.7
Metal Mg	34.00	-4.50	-11.7

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-15.41	+7.68	-2.62
-0.15	+0.40	-0.24
10048.23	1909.48	1091.33

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcoSnCH	10.39	-.20	-13.5
BankOne	52.98	-.22	+16.2
Bk of Am	78.31	-.22	-2.6
Barclay	35.40	-.38	-2.6
CredSuiss	33.77	-.74	-7.0
DeutschBk	79.73	-2.07	-3.0
FleetBost	43.32	-.09	-.8
HSBC	73.50	-1.11	-6.7
JPMorgCh	40.74	-.24	+12.0
LloydTSB	30.15	-.61	-7.4
MitsuTkyo	9.71	+.58	+24.0
UBS AG	72.18	-1.22	+6.2
US Bancrp	27.21	-.37	-7.3
Wachovia	45.91	-.51	-1.5
WellsFrgo	56.57	-.05	-3.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.92
2-year	1.47	1.50
10-year	3.71	3.71
30-year	4.66	4.67

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5482	.5410	.6352
Canadian Dollar	1.3425	1.3320	1.4797
European Euro	.8243	.8114	.9395
Japanese Yen	106.10	106.75	120.73
Mexican Peso	11.0300	10.9670	10.7713
Taiwanese Dollar	33.25	33.29	34.78

The Old Guard vs. the New Guard

St. Joe's Nelson, Wake Forest's Paul to meet in Thursday's contest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | If Chris Paul wants to see his future he needs only to look across the court at Jameer Nelson on Thursday night.

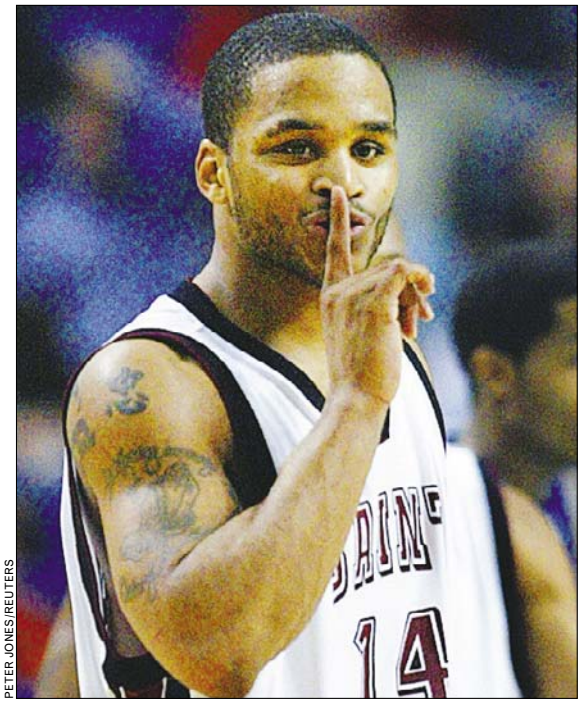
Paul, the skinny freshman point guard with the quick first step, innate passing sense and solid jump shot, will be running the offense for fourth-seeded Wake Forest, as he has from his first game.

Nelson, the muscular senior point guard with very similar offensive skills and the benefit of 123 college starts, will handle the ball for top-seeded Saint Joseph's, as he has for the last four years.

All eyes will be on the two stars when they meet in the East Rutherford Regional.

"I'm hoping experience and a little bit of size pays off," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Nelson is an inch shorter but 20 pounds heavier than Paul.



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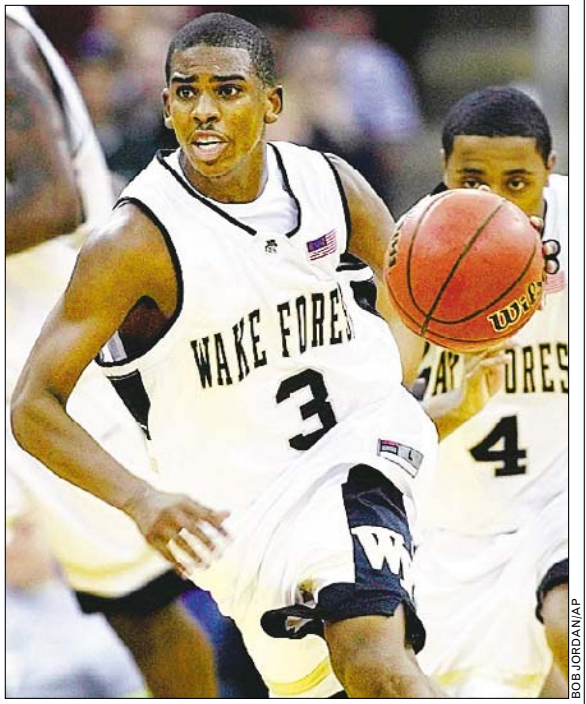


BOB JORDAN/AP

MAKING THEIR POINT: Jameer Nelson, left, and Chris Paul have shown why they are considered two of the top guards in the country during the NCAA Tournament. The two will play each other when St. Joseph's faces Wake Forest on Thursday.

Nelson, a unanimous selection for the All-America team, averaged 20.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and 5.2 assists while shooting 49 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Paul was the Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year and was selected to the league's all-defensive team after leading it with 2.7 steals a game. He averaged 14.9 points, 3.4 rebounds and 5.8 assists while shooting 50 percent from the field and 84 percent from the free-throw line.

Last season was almost Nelson's last in college, but he decided to return for his senior year. He and the Hawks had a special season, losing just one game and reaching No. 1 in The Associated Press poll.

"He is the best player in college basketball because he is the best leader in college basketball. From the day he came back he has demanded in a very quiet way from his teammates that they pursue excellence," Martelli said.

It's harder to be a leader as a freshman, but Paul has been able to do it without stepping on the toes or egos of the upperclassmen.

"My teammates will never let me not know I'm a freshman," he said, laughing. "At shootarounds or in the hotels my nickname is always 'Rookie' or 'Freshman.' They never call me Chris. Coach told me early in the season he didn't need me to play like a freshman, he needed me to play like an NCAA point guard."

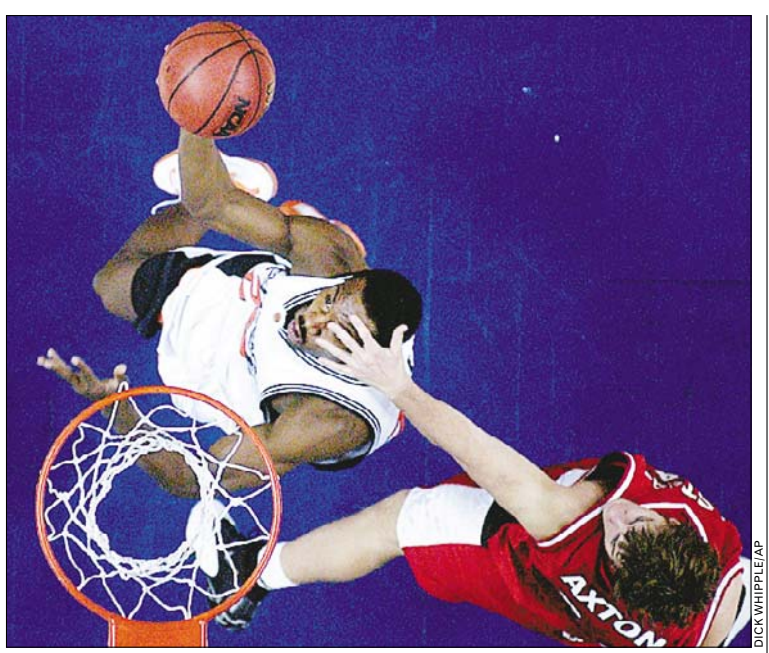
And that's what he was with 22 points and seven assists in the opening round against Virginia Commonwealth, and 29 points and six assists in the second round against Manhattan. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

Allen Leads Cowboys Into Battle

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Oklahoma State's Tony Allen wears his inner-city ruggedness as a badge of honor, the product of playground beatings from his hoops-loving uncles and older kids who had little patience for smaller children.

The senior guard, who arrived at Oklahoma State last year via two junior colleges, has become the driving force behind the Cowboys' run through the NCAA tournament — which continues with Thursday's game against Pittsburgh in the East Rutherford regional semifinal.

Last year, Allen emerged as the team's second-leading scorer, one of its most reliable defenders and helped the Cowboys come within a bad half of knocking off eventual national champion Syracuse in the NCAA tournament.



DICK WHIPPLE/AP

Tony Allen, left, has emerged as one of Oklahoma State's leaders this season.

But coach Eddie Sutton, wary of Allen's tendency to spout off and provide opposing teams with bulletin board material, shielded him from the media for much of the season.

Even Allen admitted he needed to polish up his image. "I knew I had to change," he said.

A year later, Allen has become one of the Cowboys' most popular interviews, routinely pushed in front of the microphones and cameras by his teammates. JOEL ANDERSON (AP)

Aggression Pays Off For Syracuse's Warrick

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | With Carmelo Anthony at his side last season, Syracuse forward Hakim Warrick soared for the Orangemen. Without Anthony, he's become a star.

"Melo told me I needed to come to play every night," said Warrick. "I watched him a lot, how he took everything in stride and looked like he always was having fun."

Apparently, Warrick is a quick study. He's averaging 19.8 points and 8.6 rebounds in the NCAA tournament, just below Anthony's 22 points and 10 rebounds a year ago.

He leads the fifth-seeded Orangemen (23-7) into Thursday night's game against eighth-seeded Alabama (19-12) in the semifinals of the Phoenix Regional.

In becoming the team's leader, Warrick has taken strides toward satisfying coach Jim Boeheim. The coach still nags Warrick about his defensive lapses, but he hasn't threatened to send him to aggression school this season.

KEVIN RIVOLI/AP

Hakim Warrick was a big factor in Syracuse's victory over Maryland.

"I definitely think I've been way more aggressive and assertive in my game than in the past," said Warrick. JOHN KEKIS (AP)

Sports

Bryant's Accuser Takes the Stand

EAGLE, COLO. | Kobe Bryant's accuser testified about her sex life for more than three hours Wednesday during a closed-door hearing that will determine whether any of the information can be introduced at the NBA star's rape trial.

The 19-year-old woman sat in a courtroom just a few feet from Bryant — the first time they faced each other since their encounter last summer.

Experts said she was probably questioned about the most intimate details of her sexual history.

The woman slipped into the courthouse through a fire exit as her parents entered through another door.

Appearing calm and composed, she ignored a throng of reporters and photographers as she walked into the courtroom.

She was finished by lunch. It was unclear whether she would have to return for more testimony.

Bryant has said he had consensual sex last June with the woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked.

If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers guard faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation. JON SARCHE (AP)

STALEMATE: Major League Soccer is dropping overtime in the regular season, moving in line with the rest of the soccer world. In the 2004 season, which begins April 3, draws will stand after 90 minutes of regulation. (AP)

FIGURE SKATING | INAUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

CP, PAUL CHIASSON

FLOORED: Michelle Kwan got off to a rough start in the World Figure Skating Championships, falling in the qualifying round on Wednesday.

End Zone Celebrations to Be Flagged

FOOTBALL | The NFL discovered last season that fines did not necessarily stop its millionaire players from flamboyant celebrations. So the league is planning to make any such demonstration an automatic 15-yard penalty.

The new penalty policy has been recommended unanimously by the league's competition committee and is likely to receive approval from the owners when they begin their annual spring meeting Sunday in Palm Beach, Fla. (AP)

In Brief

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Gillispie Leaves UTEP To Rebuild Texas A&M

Billy Gillispie accepted the coaching job at Texas A&M after taking UTEP from 24 losses to 24 wins and nearly upsetting Maryland in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Gillispie will replace Melvin Watkins, whose team failed to win a game in the Big 12 this season. (AP)

BASEBALL

Orioles' Ramsay Makes Return From Brain Cancer

Rob Ramsay made his first exhibition appearance for the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday, two years after having a cancerous tumor removed from the front of his brain. Ramsay, pitching against major league hitters for the first time since appearing in two games in spring training last year for San Diego, allowed one run on two hits in one inning in Baltimore's 3-2 loss to Montreal. (AP)

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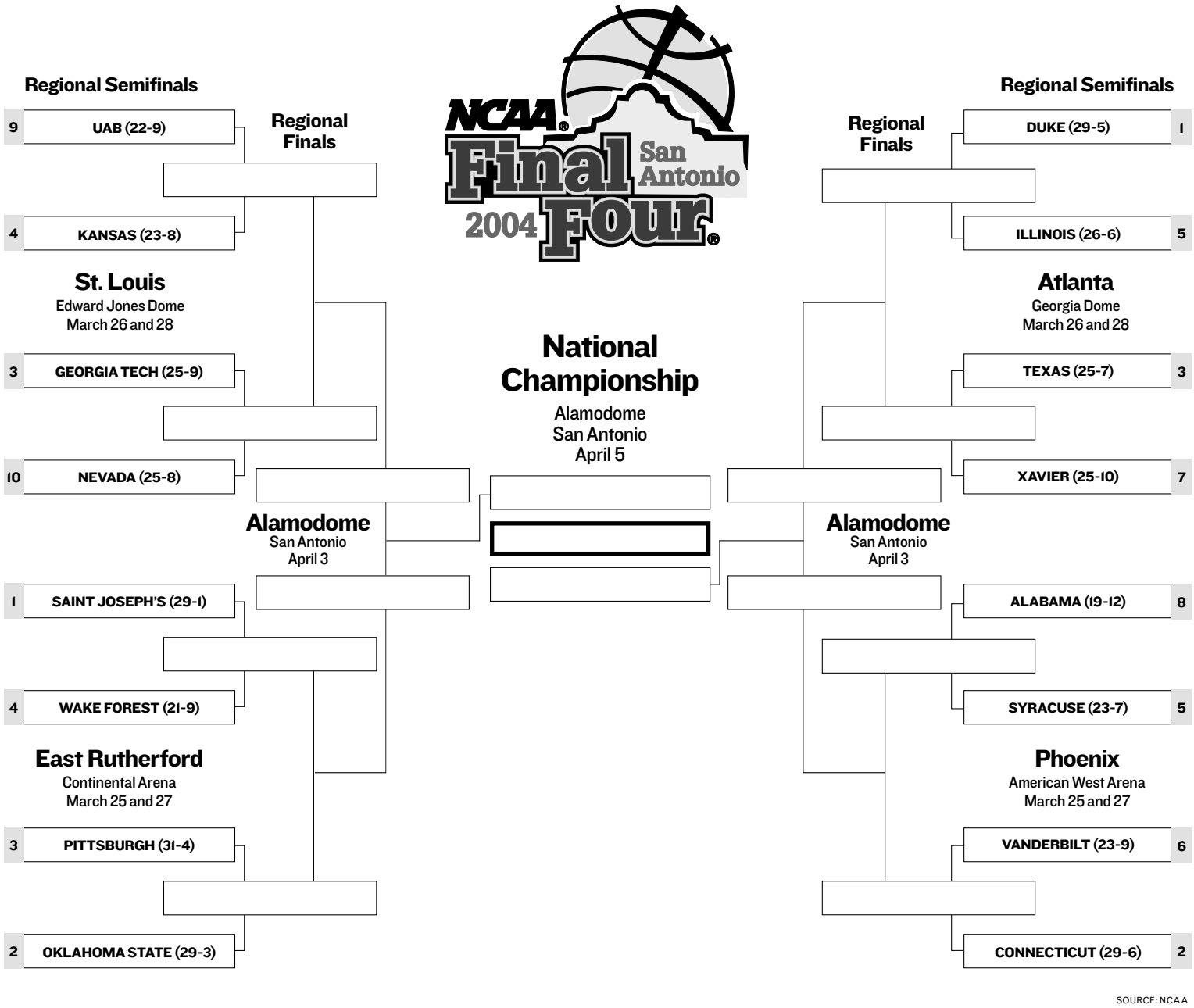

SOURCE: NCAA

Freije Is Dandy At Vandy

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Matt Freije's family sure would have been thrilled if Kansas had knocked on their door — they could have watched him play just 30 minutes down the road.

Yet Freije wouldn't change his own path a bit.

Vanderbilt's senior forward and career scoring leader has guided the Commodores (23-9) to the NCAA tournament's final 16 for the first time in 11 years. Sixth-seeded Vanderbilt plays No. 2-seeded Connecticut (29-6) in the Phoenix Regional on Thursday night.

"Kansas never really recruited me," said Freije, who grew up in Overland Park, Kan. "Luckily they didn't, because I ended up at Vanderbilt and I wouldn't trade the four years I had here for anything."

On Sunday, Freije scored 11 of his 31 points over the final 3:28 as the Commodores rallied for a 75-73 second-round victory over North Carolina State in Orlando, Fla.

He is scoring 22 points and grabbing 5.5 rebounds in the tournament after averaging 18.7 points and 5.4 boards during the regular season. JANIE MCCAULEY (AP)

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Boston	31	40	.437	11.5	6-4	20-25
Philadelphia	29	42	.408	13.5	5-5	21-25
Washington	22	48	.314	20	2-8	14-33
Orlando	19	53	.264	24	2-8	15-30

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X- Indiana	51	19	.729	—	7-3	32-11
X-Detroit	46	26	.639	6	8-2	30-16
New Orleans	37	34	.521	14.5	4-6	27-22
Milwaukee	35	35	.500	16	2-8	27-17
Cleveland	31	39	.443	20	7-3	25-21
Toronto	30	40	.429	21	4-6	19-26
Atlanta	22	49	.310	29.5	2-8	13-31
Chicago	20	51	.282	31.5	2-8	17-27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Minnesota	49	22	.690	—	5-5	26-16
San Antonio	46	25	.648	3	6-4	26-17
Memphis	44	26	.629	4.5	8-2	26-18
Dallas	44	26	.629	4.5	5-5	27-17
Houston	40	29	.580	8	6-4	18-23
Utah	37	34	.521	12	6-4	21-21
Denver	37	35	.514	12.5	4-6	23-19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Sacramento	51	20	.718	—	6-4	29-14
L.A. Lakers	47	23	.671	3.5	8-2	23-18
Portland	35	35	.500	15.5	6-4	18-26
Seattle	32	38	.457	18.5	5-5	18-23
Golden State	29	40	.420	21	4-6	19-26
L.A. Clippers	27	44	.380	24	2-8	13-31
Phoenix	24	47	.338	27	4-6	13-31

Standings through March 23.
X-Clinched playoff berth.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Tampa Bay	43	21	8	5	99	230	180
Atlanta	30	34	8	4	72	202	228
Florida	27	31	14	4	72	170	199
Carolina	26	31	13	6	71	153	187
Washington	22	43	9	2	55	171	234

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Philadelphia	39	18	14	6	98	220	173
X-New Jersey	39	23	12	2	92	193	155
N.Y. Islanders	35	27	10	4	84	215	194
N.Y. Rangers	25	37	7	8	65	195	234
Pittsburgh	21	45	7	4	53	178	287

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Boston	38	17	14	7	97	195	172
X-Toronto	41	24	9	3	94	225	200
X-Ottawa	39	22	9	6	93	243	172
Montreal	40	26	7	3	90	198	173
Buffalo	33	32	6	4	76	198	206

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Detroit	43	20	11	2	99	238	177
Nashville	34	28	11	3	82	199	204
St. Louis	34	28	11	2	81	174	185
Chicago	20	38	11	6	57	176	229
Columbus	21	42	8	4	54	161	221

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	38	20	13	5	94	224	183
Vancouver	37	24	10	5	89	214	187
Calgary	38	28	7	3	86	186	167
Edmonton	33	27	12	4	82	206	194
Minnesota	25	27	20	3	73	163	167

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	38	20	12	6	94	203	173
Dallas	39	24	13	0	91	179	158
Los Angeles	28	24	16	7	79	196	198
Anaheim	28	31	10	8	74	177	202
Phoenix	21	31	18	6	66	183	226

Standings through March 23.
Y - Clinched division; X-Clinched playoff spot.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on CBS) Doubleheader action in the NCAA tournament, with Oklahoma State playing Pittsburgh and Saint Joseph's facing Wake Forest.

PRO BASKETBALL (10:30 p.m. on Comcast) The Wizards are in Los Angeles to take on the Clippers.

PRO HOCKEY (8 p.m. on ESPN) Colorado plays Detroit in what could be a preview of the Western Conference finals.

BASEBALL (1 p.m. on Comcast) The Orioles and Cardinals play in an exhibition game.

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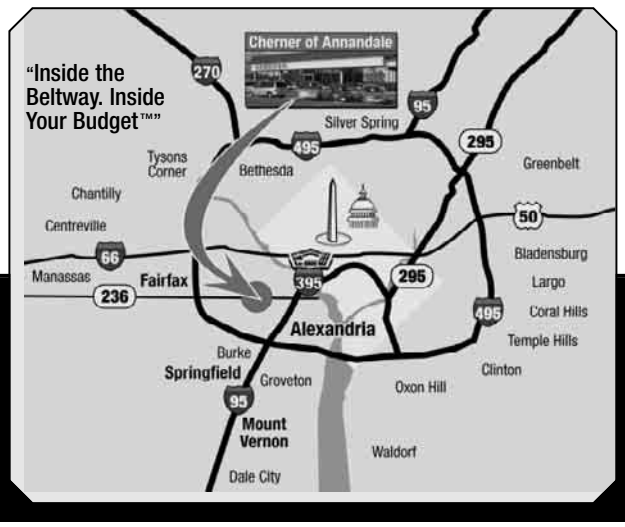

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Send in the Clowns

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OUT & ABOUT | The circus comes to town this weekend with the requisite elephants, tigers, clowns, contortionists, daredevils and more, led by stylish ringmaster Jonathan Lee Iverson.

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus presents its 133rd edition for the delight of kids of all ages, who are invited to snag a plastic clown nose — essential for perking up those long commutes.

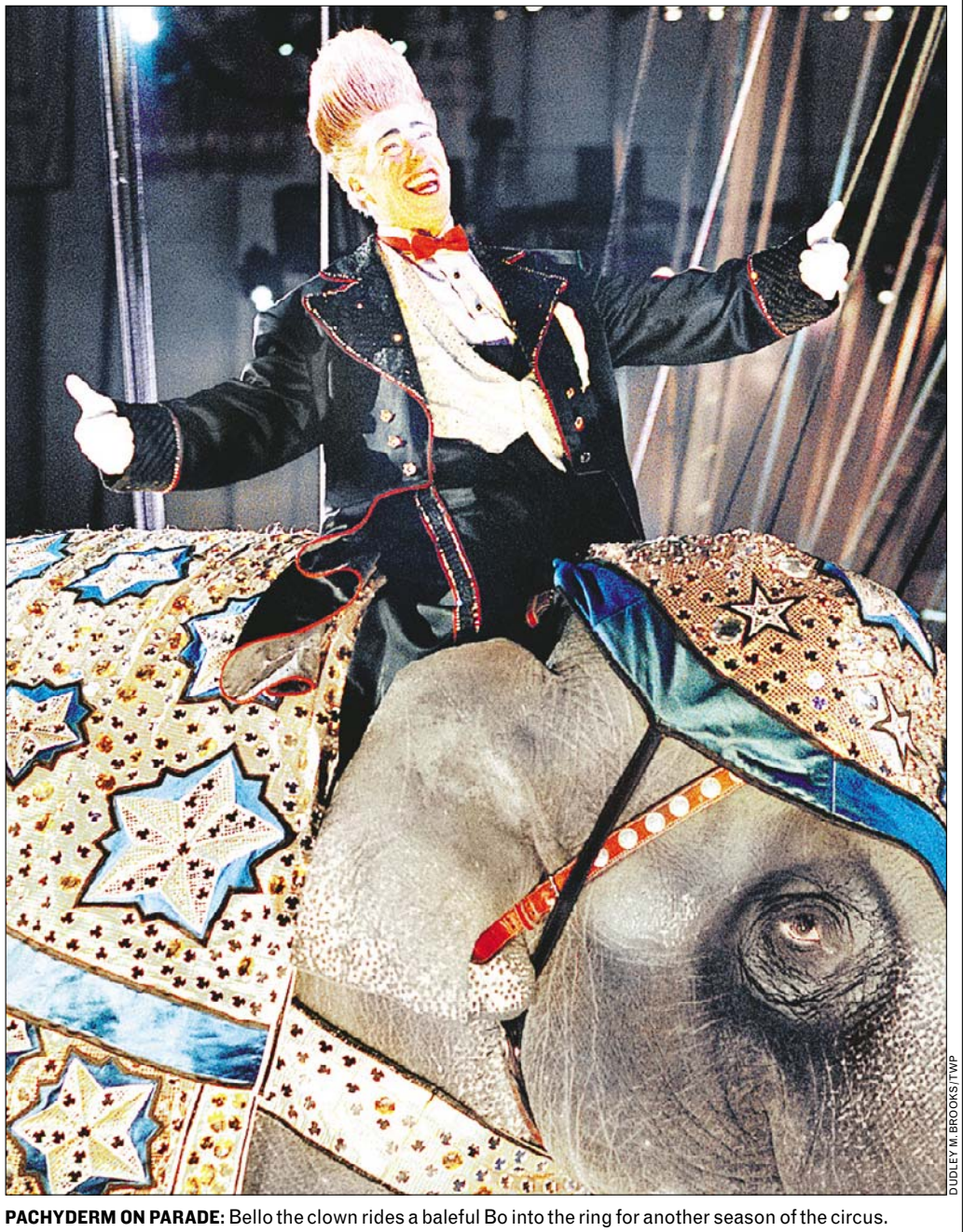
The "odd-numbered" editions of the show are justly best known for the unbeatable team of Bello and Bo, Ringling's chief clown and his elephant, respectively. (They even have their own annoying theme song, "Bo and Bello; Bello and Bo ..." with which you will be expected to chant along until the thing is cemented into your head for eternity.)

Among the special features this year are the Globe of Death, in which five motorcycles zip around inside a spherical cage; Alberto Aguilar, a high-wire artist making his Ringling Bros. debut; Mark Oliver Gebel's stupendous tiger act; the self-explanatory "Canine Chaos"; and Bailey's Comet, described as "a fantastic fusion of flames and flight." Scary. In a good way.

Elsewhere, it's Samba Troupe do Brazil, basically a whole bunch of gorgeous South American women in skimpy, spangly costumes, and the Chinese acrobats of the Hebei Troupe, who dress up as lions for their stunning balancing act.

At the center of it all is Bello, he of the foot-high hair. Do not underestimate the man; his balloon-animal tricks, while impressive, belie the masterful control and split-second timing of this seventh-generation member of a Swiss circus dynasty. He does this thing at the end when you're weary from shrieking in fear and singing along, in which he climbs an enormously high pole, only the pole is wiggly like a noodle ... this act, and this circus, must be seen to be believed. (EXPRESS)

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu.-Sun., March 25-28; $12-$65; 202-432-7328. (Metro Center)



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PACHYDERM ON PARADE: Bello the clown rides a baleful Bo into the ring for another season of the circus.

Top Stops

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Madness in It: Method Man

When Method Man broke out of Wu Tang Clan to become the innovative hip-hop troupe's first solo star, he was just what the genre needed — a new way of rhyming (marble-mouthed) and a new way of thinking (imaginative, hilarious, so seemingly off-the-cuff that less accomplished rappers stepped back). He'll bring the pain Friday night at Dream.

Dream, 1350 Okie St. NW; Fri., March 26, $10; 202-636-9030.

JONATHON MANNION/JAM RECORDINGS

Method Man — rapper, actor, former Wu Tanger — shows his winning smile.

Excuses, Excuses: Suzy Becker Reads

If you've ever wished you had a shut-'em-up answer for the world's jerks and whiners, Suzy Becker's your go-to gal. Unfortunately for the author and illustrator, she earned it. "I Had Brain Surgery; What's Your Excuse?" is Becker's moving, frequently hilarious tale of her journey from health to hell and back again.

Olsson's 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Fri., March 26, 7 p.m.; 703-525-4227. (Court House)

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Bigmouth Strikes Again: Can you smell what Chris Rock is cooking? He gets funny this weekend.

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COURTESY OF GMCW

Bye Bye Birdie; hello, nurse! The rock 'n' roll musical gets a manly makeover.

Conrad-ical: Birdie's Male Makeover

Those crazy teens just go nuts for that noisy rock 'n' roll! The timeless "Bye Bye Birdie" — about a swoon-ilicious pop star who's agreed to kiss a fan before joining the army, and the havoc this promise wreaks among shrieking teenyboppers — gets a facelift from the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington with an all-male version of the giddy 1960s musical.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Fri-Sat., March 26-27, 8 p.m., Sun., March 28, 3 p.m., $15-$40; 202-994-6800. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Wake-Up Call: The Sleepy Jackson

Fans of any kind of music in the known universe can find kinship in the work of The Sleepy Jackson. Luke Steele's experimental outfit, named after a narcoleptic drummer, plays melodic soft rock, alt-country, freaked-out pop, '80s robo-rock, moody college-radio fare and more, more, more. OK, no death metal.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sun., March 28, 8:30 p.m., $10; 202-432-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

Honky-Tonkin': Junior Brown

There's not much "neo" in neo-traditionalist Junior Brown's honky-tonk; this scorching steel and electric guitar player is as authentic as a Nudie suit. His music conjures the ghosts of Ernest Tubb and Bob Wills and he sings in an eerie baritone guaranteed to give susceptible listeners the chills.

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sat., March 27, 10 p.m., $22.50; 703-549-7500.

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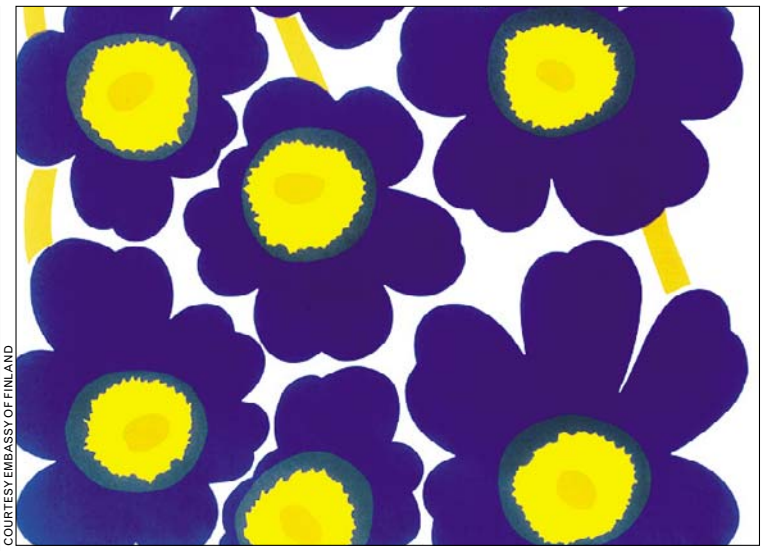
Fine Finnish

Marimekko's bold, playful prints are ambassadors of style

OUT & ABOUT | Part of the plan to redefine Finland in the wake of World War II was to promote it as a center for accessible, artful modern design.

"Marimekko — Fabrics, Fashion, Architecture," a brisk, springtimey show on view at the Embassy of Finland, explodes with the brilliant colors and punchy graphics of one of the nation's foremost manufacturers of textiles, clothing and housewares.

Accompanied by a comprehensive catalog, the exhibition documents the history of the firm, from its founding in 1951 by Armi Ratia and her husband, through the shaky years following her death in 1979, onward to its current revival.



COURTESY EMBASSY OF FINLAND

POPPY ART: Simple designs and flat sweeps of color are hallmarks of Marimekko's festive textiles, which in their day modernized everything from sheets to shifts.

The company's golden age was the '50s and '60s, when a group of young female designers, among them Maija Isola, Vuokko Nurmesniemi and Annika Rimala, made Marimekko synonymous with playful, simple-lined clothing executed in bold, flat colors or large-format printed patterns abstracted from nature or inspired by pop and op art.

Now that Isola's famous 1964 poppy pattern (Unikko) is trendy again, many viewers will be tempted to reach for their charge cards. And that's when it will dawn on them that the embassy isn't an authorized Marimekko dealer. Not to fret. Ask nicely and the staff will provide a list of outlets throughout the Northeast. GLENN DIXON

Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; through Sun., May 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed April 9-12); free; 202-298-5886. (Dupont Circle)

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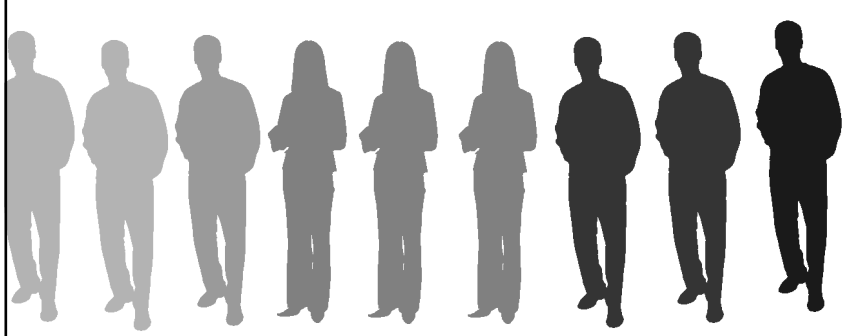

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OUT & ABOUT | ABOUT BLOOMING TIME

COURTESY OF THE WASHINGTON HOME & GARDEN SHOW

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: The Washington Home and Garden Show has home-remodeling and decorating materials as well as a garden of outdoor ideas. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW, Thu.-Sun., March 25-28, $10, $5 ages 6-12, free ages 5 and under; 703-823-7960.

TopStops

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Light 'Em Up: Lantern Ceremony

Washington dignitaries, Japanese performers and no fewer than 70 Cherry Blossom princesses plan to attend this year's Lantern Lighting Ceremony at the Tidal Basin, in which the 350-year-old stone lantern is fired up.

Tidal Basin, Indepedence Avenue and 17th St. SW; Sun., March 28, 2:30 p.m. See washingtonpost.com/cherryblossom for a complete listing of seasonal events.

Bachelors to Go: Fight Fire With Fire Chief

Mmm, beer. Mmm, firemen. Fire Chief Ale gets bidders in the mood at the Annual Firefighter Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction. Funds go to Aluminum Cans for Burned Children.

Rock Bottom Brewery, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Thu., March 25, 7 p.m.; 703-516-7688. (Ballston)

Revisiting History: 'Dew Breaker' Reading

Haitian-born author Edwidge Danticat reads from and signs her new novel, "The Dew Breaker," about a Haitian immigrant who confesses he was not a victim of torture but a perpetrator of it.

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Fri., March 26, 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

This Old Opera House: Post-Facelist Gala

Y'all don't have to stand around the lobby looking mournful anymore — the renovated Opera House is open. Placido Domingo conducts the kickoff program: the Washington National Opera's production of Puccini's tragic romance "Manon Lescaut." Through April 19.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; opens Sat., March 27, $41-$285; 202-333-4663. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

COURTESTY WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA

Is it hot in the new Opera House, or is it just the romance in "Manon Lescaut"?

Sol y Soul's Latin Lessons

Salvadoran-led local bands put on an activist dance party

MUSIC | There is the Washington that's symbolized by the Capitol. Then there's the other Washington, where everyday people live and struggle. Among the thousands of Salvadorans who live and work in sight of the Capitol, there is a new generation that brings this message: They're not here to bus your table or tend your garden. They're too busy making music and art. But you're welcome to sample from their culturally rich nuevo Washington.

On Friday, four Salvadoran-led bands team up with local artist-activists Sol y Soul for a dance party and songwriting workshop titled "Los Salvatrucos — A Different Type of Loquera."

Washington Afro-Latino percussion master Ivan Navas leads his Latin Jazz Ensemble; Los Nomadas play their guitar-driven rock. The D.C. punk trio Machetres celebrates its forthcoming full-length disc. They are joined by "Spanish-spitting rappers" Reyes del Bajo Mundo (Kings of the Underworld) from New York. The party is designed to show music fans the range of expressive voices coming from the Salvadoran immigrant community. Friday also includes a kids' hip-hop workshop in Spanish with English interpretation.

COURTESY OF SOL Y SOUL

THE LOWER DEPTHS: In the Latin hip-hop underworld of Bajo Mundo, Cruz Control, left, and Douglas Dinamico keep it real.

Sol y Soul has been rhyming, acting, teaching and agitating in D.C. since 1999, and the collective describes its three main projects as active resistance, artists' support and street theater.

Under the leadership of Quique Aviles, Sol works to blur lines of race, class gender and age in the name of good art and more involved neighborhoods.

But not just for Latinos. Membership cuts across ethnic and class lines, just like good art and music does. Just like official Washington should. BOB MASSEY

Josephine Butler Parks Building, 2437 15th St. NW; Fri., March 26, 8 p.m., $10, $5 students; 202-526-4417. (Columbia Heights)

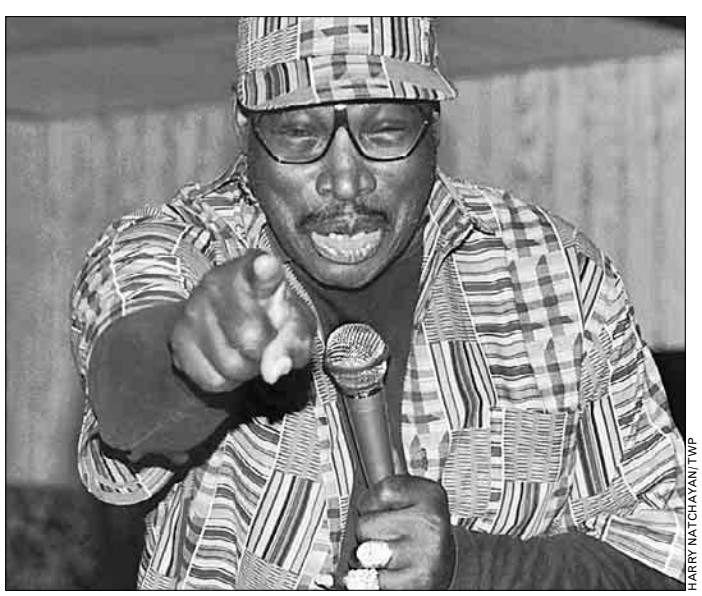
Friday in

The Washington Post | Weekend Section

People Will Walk: Everybody's putting one foot in front of the other. Charity walks are a fun, invigorating way to raise money. Of course, some may just be trying to get to the other side. | *Cover*

➔ Also, Fritz Hahn on Sango Sho; playwright Claudia Allen views a local production of her "Unspoken Prayers"; and reviews of the new films.

OUT & ABOUT | RAUNCH DRESSING



HARRY NATCHAYAN/TWP

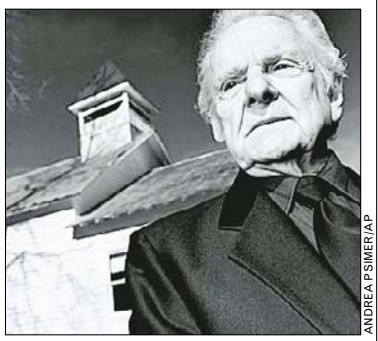
PLAYER HUSTLER: We'd love to quote some of proto-rapper and XXX-rated comedian Rudy Ray Moore's hysterically naughty rhymes, but this is a family paper. The Dolomite Explosion and Comedy Revue features the 1970's blaxploitation star in an adults-only spectacle. State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; Fri., March 26, 9 p.m., $15-$25; 703-237-0300.

Mountain Man

MUSIC | To hear Ralph Stanley keen his chilling ode "O Death" is akin to feeling the cold breath of graveyard wind.

As a singer, Stanley has been a man of constant sorrow for over half a century. At 76, his spooky voice and legendary clawhammer banjo style make mopesters like Evanescence sound like Hanson. But a brush with mortality does make the sun shine a little brighter.

Ralph and his brother Carter were born in tiny Coeburn, Va. After World War II, the Stanley Brothers followed the bluegrass circuit blazed by their hero, Bill Monroe. That meant an endless stream of churches, schools and AM stations. By 1966 the Stanleys were bluegrass stars — and Carter was dead of cancer.



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Bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley in front of his Clintonwood, Va., museum.

That was when Ralph added gospel to his repertoire of "old-time mountain music." The mix of gospel and bluegrass with tales of life, sin, redemption and death spawned legions of famous imitators. And the ghost of Carter Stanley hovers over it all.

"O Death" had a late renaissance thanks to the surprise hit soundtrack to Joel and Ethan Coen's 2000 film "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" It helped finally win Stanley a Grammy in 2002, after 55 years in the business. (He beat out Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Tim McGraw, Ryan Nelson and Lyle Lovett.)

"O death," Ralph Stanley sings at more than 100 shows annually, "won't you spare me over 'til another year?" Death would seem to be a big fan. BOB MASSEY

Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sun., March 28, 7:30 p.m.; $27.50; 703-549-7500.

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COMEDY | Entertainment Weekly named him the Funniest Man in America, and that may be the least of the accolades Chris Rock has received — among them, three Emmys and two Grammys — in his 15 years of making America gasp, laugh, cover their ears and clutch their sides.

From semi-obscurity as "the black guy" on "Saturday Night Live," a show notoriously sluggish about exploiting the talents of many of its best comedians, to the hottest comedic property on the planet, Rock has built a solid career of making his own jokes his own way.

Meticulously crafted, calibrated like a Swiss watch, built to crest like a tidal wave before one final stinging kicker, his routines are seminars in polished, fearless comedy. Among the more obvious tenets of a Chris Rock routine:

1) Never make jokes about anything you don't care about. There are enough "airline food — what were they thinking?" comics.

2) Trust the audience to provide the logical link; after I-figured-it-out laugh, move in with the punch line.

JEFF CHRISTENSEN/REUTERS

Finely tuned takes on race and politics — can you smell what Rock is cooking?

3) Your routine will take the audience back to pretty much where it started, so don't let them see around the curves.

4) The thing that everyone is thinking but is too afraid to say? Say it. With a big, awestruck smile.

5) Oh, and be one hell of a lot funnier than everyone else. Good luck with that last one. (EXPRESS)

DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; Thu.-Fri., March 25-26, 8 p.m., $39-$59; 202-432-7328.

LIVE MUSIC | CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE

HOLLAND DAYS: Playing jangly pop with a paranoid edge, the Dutch band Bettie Serveert was the buzz of indie-land in the '90s. Bettie, once again powered by Carol van Dijk, returns with its chamber-pop grandeur. Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sun., March 28, 3 p.m., $12; 703-522-8340.

The Quality of Merce

DANCE | Merce Cunningham came of age when artists felt that anything was possible, that art shouldn't strive for prettifying, "tasteful" goals, but could create a vibrant, challenging dialogue.

That the renowned choreographer retains this attitude despite a culture that increasingly scorns art's relevance is a testament to his vision. A Seattle art student in the 1930, a soloist in Martha Graham's dance troupe in the 1940s and the mastermind behind Merce Cunningham Dance Company since 1953, Cunningham has gravitated toward fellow avant-gardists, working with musicians like Gavin Bryars and John Cage and the artist (an old friend) Robert Rauschenberg.

Cunningham's company visits this weekend for a short run, presenting three works: 1975's "Sounddance," set to David Tudor's twittering commissioned composition "Toneburst"; 1998's "Pond Way," an exploration of stage (and outer) space; and 2002's "Fluid Canvas," featuring John King's otherworldly music. These two nights are part of the company's 50th anniversary celebration. (EXPRESS)

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri.-Sat., March 26-27, 8 p.m., $19-$45; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

TONY DOUGHERTY/MERCE CUNNINGHAM

BODY PAINTING: In the plotless "Fluid Canvas," space itself comes alive as the dancers move in simultaneous and overlapping segments to a dissonant score.

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CITY OF GOD (R) (12:40)6:50 9:40
THE RECKONING (R) (3:50)
MYSTIC RIVER (R) (12:50)7:00
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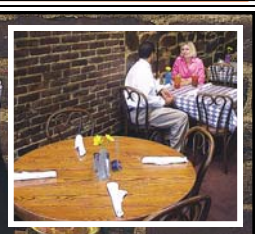

Eating Around

DESSERTS

Sweet Souvenirs

Do not enter the presence of the cherry blossoms empty-handed. Honor them with an offering of a dozen Cherry Blossom Krispy Kremes — the basic glazed doughnut, plus chocolate frosting and pink and white sprinkles. They'll be available from March 27 through April 11 at the Krispy Kreme store in Alexandria (6332 Richmond Highway; 703-768-1002) and in Rockville (14919 Shady Grove Road; 240-453-0334).

Better eat as many as you possibly can — they'll be around only until April 11.

MORE DESSERT

Everything's Better With a Cherry on Top

From March 27 to April 11, area restaurants will be trotting out cherry-related concoctions of all kinds. But we just care about dessert. Thus, a sampling:

CHARLIE PALMER STEAK (101 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-547-8100; Union Station): The "Tasting of Spring Cherries" includes a preserved Bing cherry cobbler.

MARCEL'S (2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-296-1166; Foggy Bottom): Bing cherry and Belgian bread pudding.

TABERNA DEL ALABARDERO (1776 I St. NW; 202-429-2200; Farragut West): Almond pastry with brandy cherry compote and black cherry ice cream.

LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

What is the best way to inform a formal restaurant about wine allergies? My wife cannot consume wine at all. I can't drink a whole bottle myself, so I try to order by the glass. Often the more upscale establishments make us feel awkward for not ordering wine, and then service suffers.

The best way to approach the situation is to say, "One of us can't drink but one of us would love to see your wines by the glass or half bottle list" or some such. Actually, you don't owe the restaurant any explanation at all, but it might not hurt to spell out your situation up front.

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From left: Ropa Vieja, black beans and Lechon Asado from El Guajiro.

NEISHA THAI
(4445 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-966-7088) — This fantasy of a Thai cave, complete with stalagmites, is as cheery and fresh, if not quite as bold, as its Virginia siblings. Urge your servers to accentuate the seasoning, regardless of the supposed chili-pod rating, and you'll be particularly happy with the fish and seafood. Turning up the heat on the duck would make for crisper skin; gentler handling of the marinated pork and beef dishes might keep them from going a little tough. Some of the cellophane-noodle dishes, such as the "Thai-style sukiyaki," are simply curiosities. Entrees $6.95-$14.95. EVE ZIBART

TAIPEI TOKYO
(14921-D Shady Grove Rd. in the Fallsgrove Village Center; 301-738-8813) — Though this third TT covers a lot of Asian culinary territory — Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Singaporean, Malay and Korean — it doesn't get terribly far with any. The problem is mostly one-recipe-fits-all, and the various, apparently commercial, dipping sauces don't help a whole lot; but the ingredients are fresh and carefully tended. The sushi here is better than at a lot of the other pan-Asian places, thanks to correctly prepared rice, but this is best considered a family- or mixed-group destination. Entrees $7-$16; à la carte sushi $4-$11. E.Z.

EL GUAJIRO
(8650 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring; 301-565-4985. Metro: Silver Spring) — If this were any more homestyle (or any snugger), you really would be in the kitchen. This unpretentious Cuban storefront comes as a relief after the bustle and hullabaloo of all the franchised eateries at City Place. And it's as much food for the money as any. Best bets include the chicharonnes de pollo, chicken so crisp Colonel Sanders would weep; picadillo, a sort of non-sweet sloppy Joe; ropa vieja, beef stewed until it collapses like "old clothes"; and black beans and rice you can actually taste. $6.95-$9.99. Not wheelchair accessible. E.Z.

Eve Zibart's dining reviews appear every Friday in The Washington Post's Weekend section. This week she samples Peruvian fare at Gaithersburg's Nibbler restaurant.

"...with a dry sake – shrimp... scallop sushi... yellow tail... tuna – these fingers of raw fish made for a fine little repast."

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Television

Musharraf on the 'Frontline'

WORLD NEWS | "Frontline/World" (9 p.m., PBS) is a bit of a bellwether. This rewarding newsmagazine has consistently provided viewers with intelligent background on important developments, people, ideas and breaking stories, sometimes weeks in advance of its more popular competition.

Tonight's segment is a good example of the series's predictive powers. As Pakistani and American troops scour the mountainous border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan for Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda lieutenants, "Frontline" examines the increasingly precarious rule of Pakistan's leader, Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

A former sponsor of the Taliban, the general, who seized power in a 1999 military coup, has since allied himself with the United States in the war on terror and made gestures of peace to neighboring India, a nation that has had two major wars with Pakistan since 1948. Relations between the nations continue to be tense.

These diplomatic pirouettes have earned Musharraf the scorn of pro-al Quaeda elements in his own military and intelligence services, as well as radicals who accuse him of selling out the disputed province of Kashmir to placate India. Musharraf has been the subject of several recent assassination attempts. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

REUTERS

A poster of Musharraf is hoisted on Pakistan's Independence Day 2003.

WHO KNEW? On March 25, 1954, Radio Corporation of America began manufacturing color television sets. The CT-100 "color receivers" with 12-inch screens sold for $1,000 each.

ON TV TONIGHT

TRU RESURRECTS A CAREER

TRU CALLING (8 p.m., Fox) It's a long way from West Beverly High to the morgue. Jason Priestley joins the cast of "Tru Calling" as a job applicant with a brilliant resume but a spotty record. Priestley's character makes a bad first impression on Tru, but later, when she "rewinds" her day, he's all peaches and cream.

Priestly

JEEZ — WE WERE JUST ADMIRING MADONNA'S HYDRANGEAS

THE SYSTEM (10 p.m., Court TV) focuses on Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Rhonda Saunders, who is in charge of the city's anti-stalking unit. The police were galvanized by the 1991 murder of television actress Rebecca Schaeffer. Saunders has since successfully prosecuted individuals who have threatened and stalked Steven Spielberg, Sylvester Stallone, Michael J. Fox, Madonna, Kevin Costner and others.

GOOD NIGHT, SILVERTONE

THE CHRIS ISAAK SHOW (10 p.m., Showtime) This series, following the downtime of the handsome country pop crooner and his goofy band and managers, wraps up its final season with two episodes.

CULT CHOICE

BLUE DENIM (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel) A pregnant teenager (Carol Lynley) and her boyfriend (Brandon De Wilde) look desperately for answers in this 1959 drama. A very controversial film in its day, its taboo subject earned it a "condemned" rating from the Catholic Legion of Decency. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		Animal Cops Houston CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC	
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	Bravo	(4:30) ★★ "Ghosts of Mississippi"		The West Wing CC		★★★ "Silverado" (1985) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown.						The West Wing CC	
	Comedy	Late Night CC		The Daily Show	Mad TV Jackie Chan guest stars.		Crank Yankers	Insomniac CC	South Park CC	South Park CC	Banzai CC	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (N)
	Court	Body of Evidence	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice	Forensic Files	Body of Evidence	The System "Reasonable Fear" (N)		NYPD Blue "Unembraceable You"	
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	DISCH	Rescue 911 CC	Rescue 911 CC	Paramedics "Everyday Heroes" CC		Buff Brides: The Bridal Challenge		Berman & Berman		Berman & Berman		Buff Brides: The Bridal Challenge	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★★ "Brink!" (1998, Adventure) Erik von Detten, Christina Vidal. CC				Sister, Sister	Boy Meets World	Kim Possible	The Proud Family
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	HGTV	Before & After	Bldg. Character	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Divine Design	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	Designed to Sell	House Detective	Extreme Homes
	Family	Full House CC	Full House CC	7th Heaven "Red Tape" CC		★★ "Au Pair" (1999) Gregory Harrison, Heidi Noelle Lenhart. CC				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Las Vegas and the Mormons CC		Modern Marvels "Las Vegas Hotels"		Casino Technology CC		High Rollers: A History of Gambling CC				Hooked: Illegal Drugs	
	Lifetime	The Nanny CC	Designing Women	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Before He Wakes" (1998, Drama) Jaclyn Smith, Diana Scarwid. CC				"Seduced and Betrayed" (1995, Suspense) Susan Lucci, David Charvet. CC			
	MTV	MTV's Marital Blitz		Direct Effect		Famous Face	Pimp My Ride	Making-Band II	Making-Band II	Making-Band II	Pimp My Ride (N)	MTV Special	
	NICK	U-Pick	Sabrina-Witch	Rugrats CC	SpongeBob	Fairly Oddparents	All That	Full House CC	Full House CC	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Beneath the Surface"		★ "Lake Placid" (1999, Suspense) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda. CC				Mad Mad House (N) CC		Scare Tactics (N)	Tripping the Rift	Mad Mad House CC	
	SPIKE	Real TV CC	Real TV	Star Trek: The Next Generation CC		Star Trek: The Next Generation CC		Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Stripperella (N)	This Just In
	TBS	Home Improve.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	★★★ "Set It Off" (1996, Drama) (PA) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. CC				(:10) ★★ "Blade" (1998, Action) (PA) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff. CC			
	TLC	Clean Sweep CC		In a Fix Master bedroom project.		Life of a Crime "Hijacked" (N)		Life of a Crime "The Saint" (N)		U.S. Marshals: The Real Story		Life of a Crime "Hijacked"	
	TNT	Charmed "Cat House" CC		Law & Order "Teenage Wasteland"		Law & Order "Shangri-La"		★★ "Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris. CC (DVS)					★★ Stepmom
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger CC		JAG "To Walk on Wings" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★★★ "GoldenEye" (1995) Pierce Brosnan. James Bond enters Russia to retrieve stolen weapon codes. CC (DVS)					
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		Timeless (N)		NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. CC					(:40) SportsCenter (Live) CC		
	ESPN2	LPGA Golf: Nabisco Champ.		Figure Skating World Championships -- Men's and Pairs Short Program.				Billiards Sudden Death Seven-Ball.		Billiards Sudden Death Seven-Ball.		Billiards Sudden Death Seven-Ball.	
	CSN	Totally NASCAR	SportsNite CC	MLB Preseason Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Baltimore Orioles.						SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball: Wizards at Clippers		
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		NewsNight With Aaron Brown CC		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Navy SEALS" (1990, Adventure) Charlie Sheen. 'R'				★★★ "Joe Kidd" (1972, Western) Clint Eastwood, Robert Duvall. 'PG'				★★★ "Thelma & Louise" (1991, Drama) Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis. 'R'			
	TCM	★★★ "The Mark of Zorro" (1940, Adventure) Tyrone Power. 'NR' CC				★★★ "The Endless Summer" (1966, Documentary) Mike Hynson. 'NR'				★★ "Big Wednesday" (1978) Jan-Michael Vincent. Premiere. 'PG'			
	HBO	Real Sports CC		★★ "Spy Hard" (1996) Leslie Nielsen. 'PG-13' CC			★★★ "A Mighty Wind" (2003) Bob Balaban. 'PG-13'			The Sopranos "Where's Johnny?"		Real Sex 27: Slippery When Wet	
	MAX	"Divine Secrets-Ya-Ya Sisterhd"		(:15) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. 'PG' CC						★★ "Killing Emmett Young" (2002) Scott Wolf. 'R' CC			Anna Nicole
	SHOW	(:15) ★★★ "Before Sunrise" (1995, Drama) Ethan Hawke. iTV. 'R'				"Spinning Boris" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Jeff Goldblum. iTV. CC				Chris Isaak Show	(:45) Chris Isaak Show "Suspicion"		(:35) Marshal Law
	TMC	(:15) ★★ "Gladiator" (1992, Drama) Cuba Gooding Jr. 'R' CC				★ "Dracula II: Ascension" (2003) Jason Scott Lee. 'R'			★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. 'R' CC				
	STARZ!	(5:05) "Catfish in Black Bean Sauce"		(:05) ★★ "The Emperor's Club" (2002, Drama) Kevin Kline. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Recruit" (2003, Suspense) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Scorpion King" (2002) CC	
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People

SHOW-OFFS

I'm Not Smart, I Just Act Like It on TV

Think folks like **TIM RUSSERT**, **ANDERSON COOPER**, Al Franken and Bob Woodward are smart? They'll have a chance to prove it. They're among 15 "power players" signed up to play Jeopardy!" in a special week-long edition of the game that will be broadcast in May, it was announced Monday. The game show will be in Washington to tape the segments next month. Each contestant will play for charity, with the winner each day getting a $50,000 jackpot. Other contestants include Ashleigh Banfield, Maria Bartiromo, Aaron Brown and Tucker Carlson. (AP)

"The fairest of them all." "Who is Anderson Cooper?" Sorry, Tim.

ROGELIO SOLIS/AP

DOGS

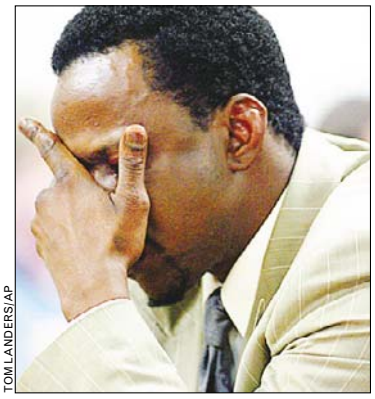
Benji Returns a Lot

BENJI behaved with perfect poise as **GOV. HALEY BARBOUR**, left, declared her (yes, her) Mississippi's pet of the year on Wednesday. The world premiere of the first Benji movie in 16 years, "Benji Returns: Rags to Riches," will be held Thursday in Jackson as a benefit for a children's hospital and an animal shelter. The film's general release begins June 11. (AP)

PRISONERS

Something to Cry About

A family court judge in Canton, Mass., ordered **BOBBY BROWN** jailed for 90 days or until he pays $63,500 in child support he owes the mother of two children he fathered. Brown, released from a Georgia jail early so he could attend the contempt hearing, cried as he was led away. The judge issued the ruling after Brown, husband of Whitney Houston, testified that he was unable to pay support for the children he fathered with Kim Ward. (AP)



TOM LANDERS/AP

Bobby Brown is moved with emotion over spending more time in jail.

COMPLAININ'

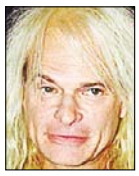
It's So Hard, Bein' Famous

Country music singer **VINCE GILL** says he's frustrated that the music industry treats artists as just another commodity. The singer blasted the state of the music industry at a meeting of The Exchange Club of Nashville, The Nashville Business Journal reports. Gill chalks up the problems the industry is suffering to record company consolidations; lack of attention to good, up-and-coming artists; and tardiness in tackling the problem of Internet downloading. The singer also laments the shortening of radio station playlists. (AP)

STUNTS

The Iroc-Z Thanks You For the Shout-Out, Dude

There's another "isn't that so-and-so?" cameo coming up on "The Sopranos": Former Van Halen lead singer **DAVID LEE ROTH** makes a quick appearance in this Sunday's episode. Roth and his wild long, white hair are playing cards with Tony Soprano and a bunch of Soprano's cronies, including Silvio — played by another musician, E Street Band member Steve Van Zandt. The singer told Rolling Stone, "You know 20 years ago, Tony Soprano was driving around Jersey in his Iroc-Z just blasting the Van Halen." Meanwhile, the band's Web site posts cities where Van Halen will perform, but it doesn't say which of Van Halen's three singers — David Lee Roth, Sammy Hagar or Gary Cherone — will be fronting the band. (AP)



SCARES

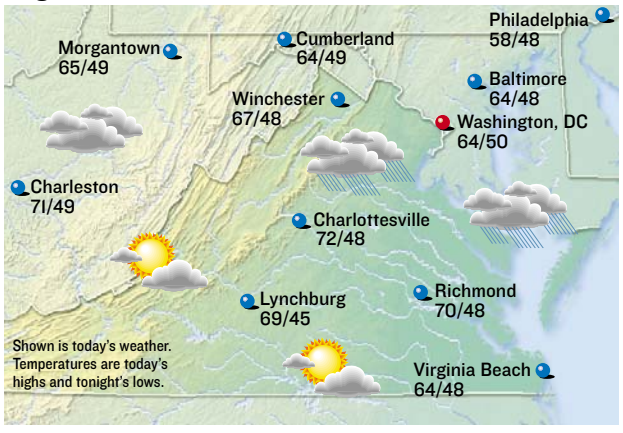
Finally, Information — And a Little Too Much

After being treated for an allergic reaction to antibiotics, **ARETHA FRANKLIN** was allowed to leave the hospital Wednesday. Franklin was admitted to Sinai-Grace Hospital Saturday after she coughed up some blood while on her tour bus, which was returning to the Detroit area from Chicago, said her doctor, Claud Young. It appears Franklin had an allergic reaction to penicillin she took while on the road. He said the singer was put on medication that brought her platelet level back to normal and that the illness seemed to be an isolated event. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Variable clouds, a shower possible	Partly to mostly cloudy	Becoming partly sunny; warmer	A shower, then partly sunny	Mostly sunny and mild	Mostly cloudy; showers possible
64°	50°	74° / 52°	70° / 48°	66° / 46°	64° / 46°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	63°
Low	34°
Normal high	58°
Normal low	40°
Average humidity	36%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.88"
Normal month to date	2.84"
Year to date	5.51"
Last year to date	12.25"
Normal year to date	8.79"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

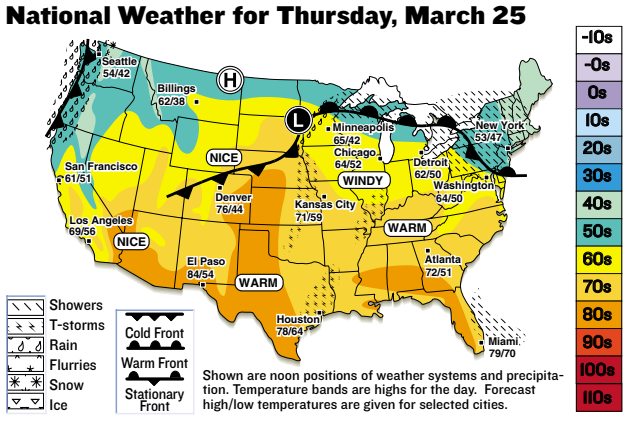
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, breezy, mild, shower. High 64. Wind south to southwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, shower. Low 50.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:25 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:24 a.m.
Moonset today	11:26 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 28	Apr 5	Apr 11	Apr 19

National Weather for Thursday, March 25



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/51/pc	75/52/pc
Boston	48/42/r	60/46/r
Chicago	64/52/t	64/49/t
Dallas	76/63/c	74/61/pc
Denver	76/44/pc	80/38/s
Honolulu	83/71/sh	83/71/sh
Los Angeles	69/56/pc	67/52/pc
Miami	79/70/sh	80/68/sh
New York City	53/47/r	59/48/pc
Orlando	78/60/sh	80/58/sh
Seattle	54/42/r	52/41/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	40/31/sh	40/33/pc
Athens	62/48/c	69/59/c
Berlin	42/24/pc	38/24/pc
Buenos Aires	91/68/s	87/69/s
Calgary	48/33/pc	47/24/c
Dublin	49/34/pc	51/39/pc
Geneva	39/26/sn	42/30/sn
Moscow	45/30/r	43/26/sn
Rome	56/38/pc	55/40/pc
Sydney	83/65/s	86/62/s
Tokyo	57/42/pc	49/38/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

UPON FIRST GLANCE, I was positive that the picture on page 3 of Tuesday's Express meant that Metro was about to announce another rate hike. But no, it was just your average picture of a politician kicking a Buddhist monk in the groin.

—TONY MARTINEZ
Montgomery Village, Md.

IN WEDNESDAY'S COVERAGE of the 9/11 commission, former Defense Secretary William Cohen said: "[I]t is far from clear that our society truly appreciates the gravity of the threat we face or is yet willing to do what is necessary to counter it." I don't think the problem is one of unwillingness, but rather the administration neglecting to tell people what they can do to assist — like buying war bonds during World War II.

—M. COLLEEN GAYDOS
Alexandria, Va.

SPEAK UP: Got a story to tell? We want to hear it. Express is accepting guest column submissions from readers. Submissions should be between 200 and 250 words and must include all the usual contact information. We'll give preference to columns about living in or commuting to D.C. — in other words, less politics and griping, more observation and reflection. Columns will run occasionally, as space allows. Send submissions by e-mail to inbox@readexpress.com.

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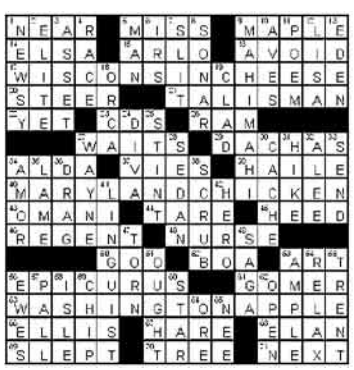
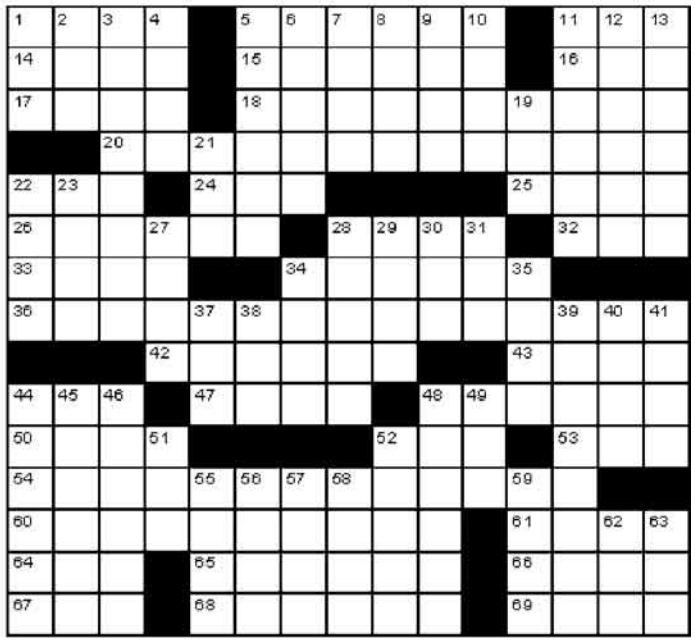
Yesterday's Solution



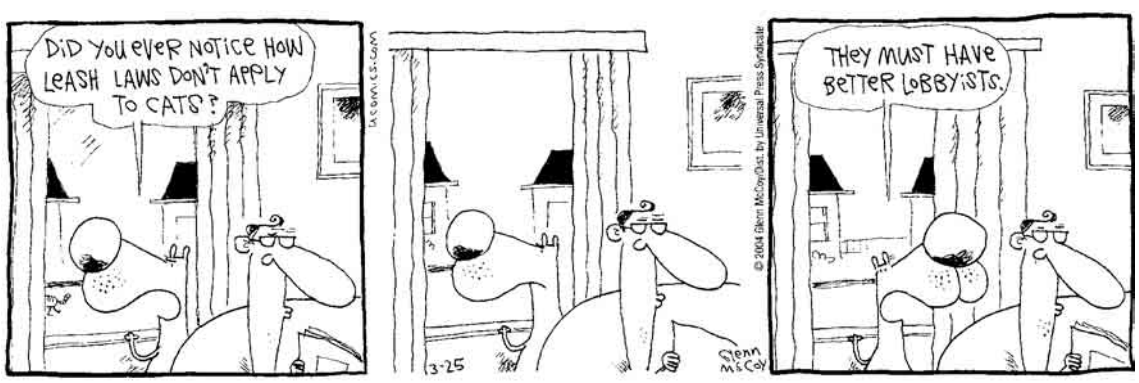
Crossword Puzzle: Position Yourself | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Piece of accurate information
5 More important
11 Outwits
14 Mediocre
15 Impassion
16 'Twixt ne'er and e'er
17 "Casablanca" character
18 Put together again
20 Be undecided
22 Member of the Shoshonean Indians
24 "Wheel of Fortune" request, maybe
25 Work hard
26 Old-fashioned phone
28 It was named in 1935
32 Man of the future
33 In a negative camp
34 Relating to the eye
36 Fail to pull your load
42 Lusters
43 Beach hill
44 Overeat (with "out")
47 Army meal
48 Wall bracket
50 Pertaining to
52 Humps on a Bactrian camel
53 He's quite a doll
54 Interfere with
60 Well thought out
61 Bundle of cotton
64 Close out
65 Subordinate or dependent item
66 Knitted item
67 Go steady
68 Plains homes
69 Slight advantage

DOWN
1 It did in Dillinger
2 Lock, stock and barrel
3 Testcase bungled?
4 Cuisine choice
5 Nobleman's domain
6 Dancing Castle
7 Navy mascot
8 Praise enthusiastically
9 Being, to a philosopher
10 Nautical hazard
11 Rub elbows with
12 Big union letters
13 Harsh, as some glances
19 Happened upon
21 Sea dog
22 Russian mountain range
23 Author Morrison
27 Provides succor
28 Sacred images
29 Scoreboard stats
30 Keyboard key
31 Slangy refusal
34 Handy bills
35 Change of décor
37 Unit of electrical resistance
38 Very small
39 Spare parts source
40 Long ago
41 Existed
44 Sign after Aquarius
45 Chant
46 It,s big in Spain
48 Certain Europeans
49 Brown Swiss, e.g.
51 Naval Academy grad (Abbr.)
52 "We hold ___ truths ..."
55 Desk ref. book
56 At leisure
57 Low high tide
58 Test answer, sometimes
59 French cleric
62 Ship's written record
63 Female with a wool coat

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're after a little more comfort in your life, but you must first be willing to do a little more at the workplace to earn it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Domestic affairs are likely to take up much of your time — even when you're away from home, trying to concentrate on other business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may feel as though you're in a rut — and perhaps you are. The one person who can help you out of it, however, is you — and you know this well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may react unfavorably to any suggestion that you merely stick to a routine. You need to be more creative than that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Something controversial will pull you into a fight of some sorts — so you must not overpower others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may discover that someone close to you shares a great deal with you — and has the potential of becoming even closer, eventually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Don't overreact to anything that is, ultimately, routine. It may be your own mood that requires some adjustment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You must maintain a realistic, practical outlook. Don't let anyone persuade you that a casual, careless approach is acceptable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll be able to mix business and pleasure with great success, becoming the envy of those around you who wish to do the same.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You are heeding the warnings you've recently received, but you are also thinking there's more to progress than playing it safe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You must take care that you always think things through before attempting them. Acting in an impulsive manner can be dangerous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be stubborn today, but someone close to you should be able to talk you into accepting another point of view besides your own.

LIVE ONLINE

Martian H_2O

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

DR. JOHN GROTZINGER, sedimentary geologist from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and member of the NASA rover Opportunity science team, was online Wednesday to discuss the evidence of water on Mars and its implications.

If Mars had water, where did it go?

A lot of people now think that there is abundant water preserved as ice beneath the surface at depths of tens to hundreds of meters and some preserved in the polar ice caps.

Is it reasonable to assume there was some kind of life at one time on Mars? If so, at what level?

I think it is reasonable to pose the hypothesis, which is very different from an assumption, that life once existed on Mars.

The hypothesis is a good one because our plan involving the next two decades of exploration is designed to first explore for evidence that once formed on the surface, and then follow up with missions to those sites to return the most promising rock samples that could contain fossils of possibly simple microorganisms.

We see no evidence at this point that life would have evolved beyond that stage. But all that we know about Mars at this time suggests enough similarity with Earth to warrant, and even demand, these exploration missions.

Will we have to wait for a manned expedition to the planet to look for fossils or is an unmanned probe capable of finding them? When does NASA plan its next test for life on Mars?

There is a mission planned for sample return that is currently on the books for 2011. That mission will use robots to collect promising rock samples and return them to Earth.

Today on Live Online

10:30 A.M.: Post staff writer Jonathan Krim discusses the European Union ruling fining Microsoft $613 million.

11 A.M.: National Park Service Chief Horticulturalist Robert DeFeo offers his predictions for the cherry blossoms.

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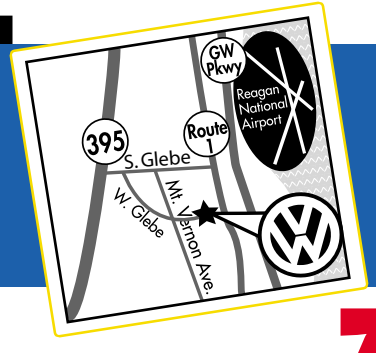

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